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G-20: STATELESS INCOMES MUST BE CHALLENGED

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PARIS (AP) — Stashing profits offshore may soon get tougher for companies, thanks to an ambitious plan released Friday by the finance chiefs of leading world economies aimed at forcing multinationals to pay more taxes.

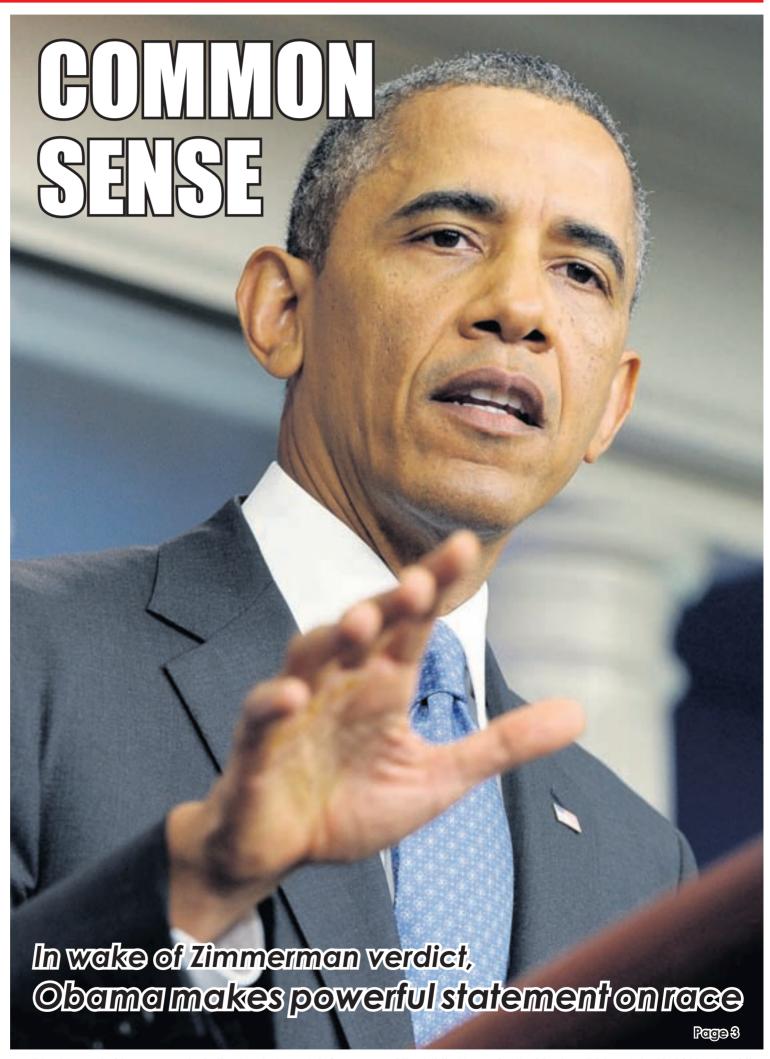


Russian FM Anton Siluanov, left, speaks to Russian Labor Minister Maxim Topilin at a meeting of the Group of 20 finance ministers in Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 19, 2013. (AP Photo/A. Zemlianichenko)

Low tax payments by major global companies — including Google, Amazon, Facebook and Starbucks — have sparked public anger in Europe recently, as governments are struggling with high debts, low growth and austerity measures that are hitting ordinary taxpayers.

"National tax laws have not kept pace with the globalization of corporations and the digital economy, leaving gaps that can be exploited by multinational corporations to artificially reduce their taxes," the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said in announcing the new tax plan Friday. It was unveiled at a meeting of the Group of 20 finance ministers in Moscow.

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President Barack Obama speaks in the Brady Press Briefing room of the White House in Washington, Friday, July 19, 2013, about the verdict in the Trayvon Martin case. Obama spoke in a surprise appearance Friday at the White House, his first time appearing for a statement on the verdict since it was issued last Saturday.

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Kerry announces 'basis' for renewed Mideast peace talks



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry steps out of a helicopter upon his arrival at Queen Alia International Airport in Amman on July 19, 2013, back from the West Bank city of Ramallah. U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry stepped up his drive to get Israelis and Palestinians back to the negotiating table, meeting with the Palestinian president Friday as he sought to close a deep divide between the two sides over a formula for resuming peace talks after nearly five years.

(AP Photo/Mandel Ngan)

that either the Israelis or Palestinians had compromised on core issues - such as ending Israeli settlement activity in the West Bank or allowing Palestinians to claim East Jerusalem as the capital of their future state - that have sunk previous negotiations. Rather, this round of diplomacy was very preliminary, aimed at getting the parties back into negotiating face to

But after years of stalemate in which the prospects of creating side-by-side Israeli and Palestinian states seemed to fade, even as a goal of U.S. and regional diplomacy, the resumption of a peace process marks a shift in politics-as-usual in the region.

Kerry said that the two sides had agreed that only

There was no indication he would make statements about the peace process until then. The diplomats to meet in Washington are Saeb Erekat, the chief Palestinian negotiator; Tzipi Livni, the Israeli justice minister, who is in charge of peace talks with the Palestinians; and Isaac Molho, an aide to Netanyahu.

> "On behalf of President Obama, I am pleased to announce that we have reached an agreement that establishes a basis for resuming direct final status negotiations between the Palestinians and the Israelis," Kerry said. "This is a significant and welcome step forward.

> "The agreement is still in the process of being formalized, so we are absolutely not going to talk about any of the elements

MICHAEL R. GORDON **JODI RUDOREN** © 2013 New York Times AMMAN. Jordan - Israeli

and Palestinian officials agreed to take steps toward resuming formal peace negotiations, after an intensive round of U.S. shuttle diplomacy "established a basis" for the first direct talks in three years, Secretary of State John Kerry said Friday.

The preliminary agreement is the first incremental success for the Obama administration in trying to broker a Middle East peace agreement after an attempt at the outset of President Barack Obama's first term ended in acrimony.

After multiple meetings with both parties in recent weeks, Kerry, speaking after a session in Amman, said that both Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and President Mahmoud Abbas of the Palestinian Authority, had made courageous decisions and he was "hopeful" that talks would resume.

Kerry said that if "everything goes as expected," senior Israeli and Palestinian negotiators would join him in Washington within the next week or so to begin initial talks. They would make a further announcement at that time.

G-20 to multinationals: Pay more taxes

Continued from Front

Paris-based OECD says that the new 15-point plan includes ways to close loopholes and allow countries to tax profits held in offshore subsidiaries. If it is adopted, the measures would be implemented over the next two years and target such practices as deducting the same expense more than once, in more than one country.

The plan also has a special focus on the online economy, where commerce flows across borders constantly and it's harder to tie revenue and profit to a single country.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Jacob Lew hailed the plan as a "major step toward addressing tax avoidance by multinational firms."

In a statement out of Washington, he said, "We must address the persistent issue of 'stateless income, which undermines confidence in our tax system at all levels."

The plan's designers insist it isn't anti-business, and is in part aimed at making things more consistent for companies and govern-

Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov, the host of Friday's G-20 meetings, said it's aimed at allowing "multinational corporations to prosper without loading a higher tax burden on domestic companies and individual taxpayers."

G-20 finance officials are also looking at giving countries a score of 1 to 4

depending on how cooperative they are with other governments on tax evasion, tax fraud and money laundering.

The OECD has been at the forefront of efforts to tackle tax evasion, especially since the global financial meltdown five years ago. But repeated pledges at G-20 meetings have not always lived up to their promise, and companies around the world continue to turn regularly to tax havens to reduce their tax burden.

The problem has gained urgency as European governments, struggling with exceptionally tight budgets, become more determined to recover any revenue they can from rich companies seen as avoiding fair taxes.



World finance chiefs attend a meeting of the Group of 20 finance ministers in Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 19, 2013. Stashing profits offshore may soon get tougher for companies, thanks to an ambitious plan released Friday by the finance chiefs of leading world economies aimed at forcing multinationals to pay more taxes.

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Hooper Column:

Let Kids Be Confident, Not Cowered

ERNEST HOOPER

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Much of the nation remains fixated on the death of Trayvon Martin and the not-guilty verdict of defendant George Zimmerman. Why?

It's not because Al Sharpton has riled up the black community and it's not because the media continues to produce stories. It's not because the case has become a political fodder for both sides.

No, it's because the parents of teens, especially black teens, examine the most basic facts of the case and conclude my son could be the next victim of an overzealous armed civilian. It's a scenario more probable than any other death outside an auto accident.

Critics will argue that black-on-black crime is the leading cause of murder of young black males, but for me and parents like me, the events leading to Martin's death stand as a greater possibility.

Understand, I'm concerned about black-on-black crime and the lives of young black men that hold such little hope that they engage in reckless behaviors. I support efforts to curb that violence.

Fortunately, my sons college students not much older than Martin don't have to deal with those troubling challenges on a daily basis. They live in Seffner. They graduated with honors.

But they do like Skittles and they do wear hoodies.

So Zimmerman's actions, while not deemed a crime by the jury, have largely shattered the sense of safety we thought living in suburbia offered our children. And in the wake of the trial, the question persists: How do we prevent our kids from the same fate that led to Martin's death.Initially, we ponder issuing a string of edicts: don't walk alone at night, always look over your shoulder, don't confront strangers with guns maybe don't wear a hoodie, even if it's raining.

But innocent teens who have done nothing to warrant such suspicion shouldn't have to live with the specter of death just because they want to get something to eat. My sons should be able to walk within our society with confidence, instead of cowering to a belief that they're second-class citizens.

So albeit idealistic, we must ask those who harbor a presumptuous fear in their hearts to resist the temptation to label every young male especially every young black male a thief and a thug and a menace to society.

I believe it's this fear that has fueled much of the defense about Zimmerman's actions. People who possess that fear want to use Zimmerman's innocence to justify it.

They point out all manner of statistics about crimes committed by blacks and the behavior blemishes on Martin's record.

But none of those arguments give someone the license to assume the worst of good kids. If such fear goes unfettered, it leads to racism.

Conversely, we must ask those who carry a presumptuous fear in their hearts for whites to resist the temptation to label every white person carrying a gun as an overzealous nut job spoiling to shoot a black teen. We may point to our nation's horrid civil rights history, the fact black youths receive longer sentences than whites for the same crime or get arrested for minor crimes at a much higher rate.

But that's not a license to assume the worst of every white person.

Essentially, I'm talking about giving people the benefit of the doubt. Easy? No. Idealistic? Yes. Naive? Maybe. But we start there, because how else can we narrow the chasm of race and make society better for our children? That's all I'm saying.

In wake of Zimmerman verdict, Obama makes powerful statement on race

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WASHINGTON - President Barack Obama, making a surprise appearance Friday in the White House briefing room to address the verdict in the Trayvon Martin killing, spoke in personal terms about the experience of being a black man in the United States, trying to put the case in the perspective of African-Americans. They were Obama's most extensive comments on race since 2008, and his most extensive as president.

teenager, ignited a national debate on racial profiling and civil rights.

Obama issued a statement shortly after the verdict. But on Friday, he talked more broadly about his own feelings about the verdict and the impact it has had among African-Americans. "You know, when Trayvon Martin was first shot, I said that this could have been my son," he said. "Another way of saying that is Trayvon Martin could have been me 35 years ago."

He added: "I don't want to exaggerate this, but those sets of experiences dent called on Americans to search their souls on the question of race relations in the country, a topic that he has confronted only sporadically as the nation's first black president.

On Friday, he urged Americans to be honest with themselves about how far this country has come in confronting its racial history.

"Am I wringing as much bias out of myself as I can; am I judging people, as much as I can, based on not the color of their skin but the content of their character?" he said. "That would, I think, be an appropriate exercise in the wake of this tragedy."

The answers to those questions, Obama suggested, will help determine how much progress America still needs to make. But he also predicted that future generations will be more inclusive than the present one. "When I talk to Malia and Sasha and I listen to their friends and I see them interact, they're better than we are," he said, referring to his two daughters. "They're better than we were on these issues. And that's true in every community that I've visited all across the country."

Obama had been under pressure from some African-Americans to weigh in more forcefully after the verdict. For several days, his spokesman deflected questions about Obama reaction.

But Friday, after several days of silence, the president appeared eager to offer his thoughts. He declined to take questions, but talked at length about his personal experience as a black man and about the historical context that shapes African-American responses to cases like the one involving Martin.

"That all contributes, I think, to a sense that if a white male teen was involved in the same kind of scenario, that, from top to bottom, both the outcome and the aftermath might have been different," Obama said.



White House press secretary Jay Carney moves out of the way as President Barack Obama arrives to speak about the death of Trevyon Martin at the daily White House briefing in the Brady Briefing Room of the White House in Washington, Friday, July 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/Susan Walsh)

"I think it's important to recognize that the African-American community is looking at this issue through a set of experiences and a history that - that doesn't go away," Obama said in the briefing room.

"There are very few African-American men in this country who haven't had the experience of being followed when they were shopping in a department store. That includes me."

A jury Saturday found George Zimmerman, a watch volunteer, not guilty of second-degree murder in the killing of Martin in early 2012. The verdict has elicited marches and protests across the country, although there has been little violence. The killing of Martin, an unarmed black

inform how the African-American community interprets what happened one night in Florida. And it's inescapable for people to bring those experiences to bear."

Obama also said he and his staff were examining policy options, and he raised questions about the wisdom of laws like Florida's Stand Your Ground law.

"I think it would be useful for us to examine some state and local laws to see if it - if they are designed in such a way that they may encourage the kinds of altercations and confrontations and tragedies that we saw in the Florida case, rather than defuse potential altercations," the president said.

In his remarks, the presi-

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New York City:

Train derailment on Metro-North track snarls commute

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NEW YORK - It was not an easy Friday morning for thousands of commuters struggling to get to work after an overnight freight train derailment in the Bronx suspended service on Metro-North's busy Hudson Line south of Yonkers. Sweaty and tired riders lamented the disruption in their morning routines as they were forced to disembark at the Yonkers train station and board buses that shuttled them to the Van Cortlandt Park subway station in the Bronx where they could board the No. 1 line and continue on.

The authority "strongly recommended" that riders make alternate travel plans for the morning rush, and hinted that the evening rush could be affected, too.

Several people posted

pictures of the buses, and people lining up for them, on Twitter and other social media sites. "So far, not a good Friday," one man wrote on Twitter, noting that it felt like 105 de... grrrr." A woman posted that it was a "work at home day for many," while another wondered, "Why couldn't this happen yesterday when my boss was out of town?!"



Metro-North Railroad commuters are re-routed into buses at the Yonkers station in Yonkers, New York, July 19, 2013. The commuters were redirected after an overnight freight train derailment in the Bronx borough of New York suspended service on Metro-North's busy Hudson Line south of Yonkers.

(Yana Paskova/The New York Times)

grees. "No trains to Grand Central, get off at Yonkers, buses to Subway stations At the Yonkers station, pallets of bottled water were stacked high for the bus drivers as they rolled through picking up commuters. A half-dozen Metropolitan Transportation Authority workers in shorts and bright neon vests herded riders to the waiting buses.

"It's a bummer, but I just got to do it," said Karen Williams, 48, a graphic artist from Poughkeepsie, adding that her commute had taken 90 minutes longer than usual.

Keith O'Leary, a messenger associate from Tarrytown, said he heard about the train situation on the radio this morning, and then called his boss to say he would be late. "He was cool; he understood," O'Leary, 38, said, "He actually already heard about it." Each time a train arrived in Yonkers, a line of people marched out of the red brick station and began flinging questions at the Metropolitan Transportation Authority workers. Would the buses take them to Grand Central? No. When would the next bus come? Soon. Could they take a ferry? Don't think so. A Metro-North spokeswoman said that the derailment of 10 of the 24 cars of a train hauling trash near the Spuyten Duyvil station "couldn't have happened in a worse location." The line is only two tracks wide there and hemmed by rock walls, making it hard even to remove the derailed cars. She added that the train would need to be re-railed by crane.

"It's not like pickup sticks," said the spokeswoman, Marjorie Anders. "If we're very lucky, it'll be done in the next day or two."

Freight trains like the one that derailed, which was operated by CSX, are often run at night to avoid high-traffic commuter hours, Anders said.







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House votes to replace 'No Child' education law

JIM ABRAMS WASHINGTON (AP) House Republicans voted Friday to dismantle the troubled No Child Left Behind law for evaluating America's students and schools, saying states and local school districts rather than Washington should be setting rules for ensuring that kids are getting good

educations.

The legislation would eliminate federally required testing of students, which been controversial from the start. But the measure passed with no Democratic support and drew a veto threat from the Obama administration, which said it would be a "step backward" in efforts to better prepare children for colleges and careers and to bring improvements to low-performing schools. Democrats in the Senate, where they hold the majority, are working on their own bill. It would also give states greater flexibility in designing school improvement standards. But it would maintain the authority of the federal education secretary to approve those

A Senate vote on that legislation is unlikely until autumn.

The House bill, which Republicans named the Student Success Act and Democrats dubbed the Letting Students Down Act, passed 221-207, with every

Democrat, and 12 Republicans voting against it.

That partisanship comes against a background in which nearly everyone agrees that No Child Left Behind, while achieving some successes in improving achievement levels, is too inflexible and needs a major overhaul.

The law was passed by Congress in 2001, a bipartisan effort led by, among others, current House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and the late Sen. Ted Kennedy, D-Mass. President George W. Bush was a strong supporter and signed it into law in early 2002.

It required that all students be able to read and do math at their actual grade level by 2014. But the Obama administration, in a tacit acknowledgement that the goal was unattainable, last year began offering waivers to states that came up with their own federally approved plans to prepare students for college and careers and to measure student and teacher performance. To date, 39 states and the District of Columbia have been granted waivers.

President Barack Obama said he was forced to act because Congress had failed to update the law. Republicans charged that he was using the waivers to bypass Congress.

The law had been blamed for creating its own prob-



Members of the House of Representatives leave the Capitol for the weekend after the Republican majority passed legislation intended to replace the No Child Left Behind law, in Washington, Friday, July 19, 2013. The Student Success Act reflects the long-held Republican premise that Washington has no business determining how local school systems are run.

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teachers were now "teaching to the test" and that

lems in American schools, standardized tests were bewith critics saying that ing given too much weight in measuring student per-

House Education and the Workforce Committee Chairman John Kline, R-Minn., said the proposed first revamping of education law in more than a decade was a "monumental step" that would "grant states and districts the freedom and flexibility they need to think bigger, innovate, and take whatever steps are necessary to raise the bar in our schools."

"Let's get Washington out of the way to ensure a brighter future for our children," said Rep. Martha Roby, R-Ala.

Some Republicans have contended that Washington should have no role in setting education policy and that the Education Department should be abolished.



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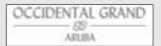
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Boston bomb photos shed light on end of manhunt

JAY LINDSAY **Associated Press** week of chaos, the suspect in the deadly Boston Marathon bombings emerged from his hiding spot blood-

ied and seemingly exhausted — the red dot of a BOSTON (AP) — After a sniper's rifle lighting his forehead. Photos of Dzhokhar Tsarnaev released by a state police officer give a long-awaited glimpse into

the end of an episode that kept the city and its suburbs on edge.

The images, the first of Tsarnaev from that night in April, were released to Boston Magazine on Thursday by a state police photographer angry about a Rolling Stone cover shot of Tsarnaev and hoping to counter what he said was the music magazine's glamorization of the terror suspect.

The release was unauthorized, and Sgt. Sean Murphy faces an internal investigation and possible suspension.

Murphy's 14 photos show the 19-year-old Tsarnaev emerging from his hiding spot in a drydocked boat in Watertown, just west of Boston, his right hand up in surrender in one, his head buried in his arms in another. In every picture of Tsarnaev, the red dot of a sniper's rifle sight is trained on his head.

To Watertown resident Anna Lanzo, the photos show a teen, as weary as he appears, still capable of standing, running and doing the damage she worried he'd do when she was trapped in her house three months ago while her neighborhood was on lockdown.

"I was petrified," said Lanzo, 70, who recalled police swarming her yard, searching under her car and motioning her to get back whenever she approached her windows while they searched for Tsarnaev.

Watertown town Councilor Cecilia Lenk saw nothing she didn't expect in the pictures of Tsarnaev, but it doesn't mean the photos had no effect.

Starting with the Rolling Stone cover, the pictures have revived memories of a terrifying time for Watertown residents, she said.

"It's kind of like you're not able to get away from it," Lenk said.

Tsarnaev has pleaded not guilty to numerous charges related to the April 15 bombing, which killed 3 and injured more than 260 others near the marathon's finish line.

He was captured April 19 after escaping during a shootout with police in Watertown the night before, running over his older brother and fellow suspect, Tamerlan Tsarnaev, in the process. Tamerlan Tsarnaev died following the shootout.

Watertown was in lockdown the next day as thousands of law enforcement officers, in helmets and Humvees, descended for a door-to-door search for Dzhokhar Tsarnaev. He was captured, and caught on film by Murphy, after the lockdown was lifted and a homeowner noticed streaks of blood on his boat.

The Rolling Stone cover story on Tsarnaev was released online this week, a few days after his public court appearance.

Critics blasted the magazine, saying the cover shot of Tsarnaev was reminiscent of the magazine's flattering portrayals or rock legends such as Jim Morrison. Rolling Stone says the story was part of its commitment to "serious and thoughtful coverage" of important political and cultural issues.

Murphy, in his statement to Boston Magazine, said his photos show "the face of evil" and "the real Boston bomber, not someone fluffed and buffed for the cover of Rolling Stone magazine."

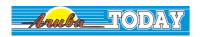
Murphy has not returned calls from The Associated Press. No one answered the door Friday at the blue cottage along the coast in Biddeford, Maine, where neighbors said he spends weekends.



In this Friday, April 19, 2013 Massachusetts State Police photo, 19-year-old Boston Marathon bombing suspect Dzhokhar Tsarnaev, bloody and disheveled with the red dot of a sniper's rifle laser sight on his forehead, raises his hand from inside a boat at the time of his capture by law enforcement authorities in Watertown, Mass.

(AP Photo/MSP/Sean Murphy)







In major ruling, court orders Times reporter to testify



In a major ruling about press freedoms, a divided federal appeals court ruled on Friday, July 19, 2013, that James Risen, an author and reporter for The New York Times, must testify in the criminal trial of a former Central Intelligence Agency official charged with providing him with classified information. Risen is seen here in a 2006 portrait.

(Fred R. Conrad/The New York Times)

CHARLIE SAVAGE © 2013 New York Times WASHINGTON - In a major ruling about press freedoms, a divided federal appeals court ruled Friday

that James Risen, an au-

thor and reporter for The New York Times, must testify in the criminal trial of a former CIA official charged with providing him with classified information.

In a 118-page set of opinions, two members of a three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 4th Circuit in Richmond, Va. - the court whose decisions cover the Pentagon and the CIA - ruled that the First Amendment provided no protection to reporters who receive unauthorized leaks from being forced to testify against the alleged sources who leaked to them.

"Clearly, Risen's direct, firsthand account of the criminal conduct indicted by the grand jury cannot be obtained by alternative means, as Risen is without dispute the only witness who can offer this critical testimony," wrote Chief Judge William Byrd Traxler Jr., who was joined by Judge Albert Diaz.

Risen has vowed to appeal any loss at the appeals court to the Supreme Court, and to go to prison rather than testify about his sources. On Friday, he

referred a request to comment to his lawyer, Joel Kurtzberg, who wrote in an email: "We are disappointed by and disagree with the court's decision. We are currently evaluating our next steps."

Judge Roger Gregory, the third member of the panel, filed a vigorous dissent, portraying his colleagues' decision as "sad" and a serious threat to investigative journalism.

"Under the majority's articulation of the reporter's privilege, or lack thereof, absent a showing of bad faith by the government, a reporter can always be compelled against her will to reveal her confidential sources in a criminal trial," he wrote.

"The majority exalts the interests of the government while unduly trampling those of the press, and in doing so, severely impinges on the press and the free flow of information in our society."

The Justice Department of-

fered no immediate comment. The ruling raises an awkwardly timed question for Attorney General Eric H. Holder Jr., who has portrayed himself as trying to rebalance the department's leak investigations in response to the furor over its aggressive investigative tactics, like subpoenaina Associated Press reporters' phone records and portraying a Fox News reporter as a criminal conspirator in order to obtain a warrant for his emails.

Last week, Holder announced new guidelines for leak investigations that significantly tightened the circumstances in which reporters' records could be obtained. He also reiterated the Obama administration's proposal, made in response to the controversy, to revive legislation to create a federal media shield law that in some cases would allow judges to quash subpoenas for reporters' testimony, as many states have.



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British national kidnapped near Nigeria's Lagos airport

MICHELLE FAUL **Associated Press** LAGOS, Nigeria (AP) — \wedge

British national has been kidnapped near Lagos international airport, in Nigeria's commercial capital, the British Consulate-General reported Friday. Diplomats are working with Nigerian authorities on the kidnapping, which took place earlier this week, said consulate spokesman Wale Adebayo.

The person was kidnapped shortly after leaving the international terminal, said a British state-

Adebayo would not say what day it occurred or give any other information, citing the "sensitive nature" of the issue.

The U.S. Embassy in Nigeria sent an alert about the kidnapping, saying it "urges all U.S. citizens living and traveling in Nigeria to take extra precautions for your personal security and safety" because of



Passengers lineup to check in for an Air France flight at the Murtala Muhammed International Airport in Lagos, Nigeria. A British national has been kidnapped near Lagos international airport, in Nigeria's commercial capital, the British Consulate-General reported Friday, July 19, 2013. Spokesman Wale Adebayo says diplomats are working with Nigerian authorities on this week's kidnapping. He said he could give no other information because of the "sensitive nature" of the

(AP Photo/Sunday Alamba)

the "high threat of kidnapping of expatriates country-wide."

The embassy advised U.S citizens to be particularly vigilant around church and other places of worship, locations where crowds gather, government facilities and areas frequented by foreigners because of an ongoing threat from Islamic extremists operating mainly in northeast Nigeria, where there is a 2-monthold state of emergency.

Kidnappings for ransom are relatively common in oil-rich Nigeria — both of foreigners and wealthy Nigerians.The 3-year-old son of a state legislator and four Chinese nationals in two different states all have been reported kidnapped this month.

Nauru asylum-seeker protest leaves several hurt

ROD McGUIRK Associated Press CANBERRA, Australia (AP) A protest at an Austra-

lian-run immigration deten-

tion camp in Nauru turned violent Friday with several asylum seekers and guards injured in a rock-throwing riot, officials and a witness

said. Around 150 asylum seekers were involved in the unrest on the tiny Pacific atoll country, Australia's Immigration Department said in

> a statement. An undisclosed number of asylum seekers and guards received medical treatment for injuries, the department said. Four asylum seekers were admitted to hospital, it said.

> Clint Deidenang, a resident who witnessed the hour-long riot from the camp fence, told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio said up to 1,000 local Nauruan men carrying machetes and steel pipes arrived to help police armed with batons and shields prevent the mostly Iranian asylum seekers from breaking out.

"There was massive confusion and commotion." Deidenang said. "There was lots of flying debris, flying

objects, stones — anything that could be thrown by hand."

Deidenag described the unrest as the biggest riot he had ever seen on the island.

The department said there had been property damage, but provided no details. The camp was calm on Saturday, it said.

Deidenang and a police spokesman did not immediately return Associated Press's email and phone call by Saturday.

Australia is holding 545 asylum seekers on Nauru while their refugee claims are assessed. Australia is attempting to deter asylum seekers from paying peoplesmugglers to bring them in rickety fishing boats to its shores by sending them to remote camps at Nauru, Papua New Guinea and the Australian territory of Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean.





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Russian opposition leader Navalny freed in surprise move

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KIROV, Russia (AP) — A court's abrupt decision Friday to release Russia's most charismatic opposition leader less than a day after handing him a fiveyear prison sentence appears to reflect confusion in President Vladimir Putin's inner circle about how to deal with its No. 1 foe.

Even more, it makes clear that the Kremlin is far from a monolith. The surprising about-face involving Alexei Navalny highlights an open rift between factions in Putin's government that could be as unsettling for the leadership as any opposition figure, experts say. In an unusual move, prosecutors themselves had requested that Navalny, an anti-corruption blogger and Moscow mayoral candidate, be let go pending appeal just a few hours after he was led out of a courtroom in handcuffs following an embezzlement conviction that was widely seen as unfair.

The decision came as thousands of Navalny's supporters gathered Thursday around Moscow's Manezhnaya Square outside the Kremlin for an unsanctioned protest of what they called a politically motivated rulina, chantina "Freedom!" and "Putin is a thief!" in open defiance of the authorities.

the protesters with his release, telling reporters Friday that his conviction They also saw the move as

has little influence among everyday Russians.

and sentence "had been an attempt to lend legitivetted by the presiden- macy to the Sept. 8 may- Moscow-based Center for

Navalny himself credited class supporters, even if he opposition in the bud, other Putin lieutenants promote

a more subtle approach to dissent, said Alexei Makarkin, an analyst with the

gitimacy.

"These two approaches have led to contradictory decisions made almost simultaneously, and, in the end, those who wanted to legitimize elections prevailed," he added.

Navalny was a driving force behind a series of massive demonstrations in Moscow against Putin's re-election to a third presidential term in March 2012.

But Navalny's popularity outside of urban centers has remained nealigible, and a recent opinion survey by the respected independent Levada Center showed that even in Moscow, he has the support of only about 5 percent of respondents.

Navalny said it's "impossible to predict" whether the move to set him free could raise the chances of his acquittal on appeal. He also said he has not yet decided whether to continue his mayoral campaign.

"I'm not some kitten or a puppy that can be thrown out of an election, say, 'You're not running' and later say, 'Yes, let's get him back in.'

I will get back to Moscow and we will talk it over with my election headquarters," he said.

Incumbent Sergei Sobyanin, who is relatively popular thanks to lavish efforts to spruce up the capital, is widely expected to win the race easily.



Russian opposition leader Alexei Navalny, speaks to the media as he was released in a courtroom in Kirov, Russia Friday, July 19, 2013. A Russian court on Friday released opposition leader Alexei Navalny from custody less than 24 hours after he was convicted of embezzlement and sentenced to five years in prison.

oral vote widely expected

tial administration ... but when people came out on Manezhnaya, they rushed to go back on that decision."

Analysts saw Navalny's sudden release as likely reflecting arguments within the Kremlin about how to respond to his popularity. He has earned rock-star status among his urban middleto be won by a Kremlinbacked incumbent who resigned last month, forcing a snap election that would make challengers scramble to organize their campaigns.

While the leadership of Russia's law-enforcement agencies, referred to as "siloviki," favor nipping the Political Technologies, an independent think-tank.

(AP Photo/Dmitry Lovetsky)

"Siloviki believe that the opposition must be destroyed," Makarkin told The Associated Press. "And people in charge of policymaking think that the radical opposition poses no immediate threat and could be allowed to take part in elections, giving them le-





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Russian lawyer: Snowden will keep his pledge

V. ISACHENKOV Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — A Russian lawyer advising Edward Snowden said Friday that the National Security Agency leaker has agreed to fulfill his pledge not to hurt U.S. interests if he is granted asylum in Russia.

Anatoly Kucherena said he met with Snowden on Tuesday to discuss with him the procedures involved in filing the asylum request, which he submitted on that day.

Kucherena told The Associated Press that once Russia's Federal Migration Service issues a temporary pass to Snowden after receiving his asylum request, he will be able to move about freely while awaiting the final decision. He said that Russia's Federal Migration Service normally issues such a document within seven days.

The migration agency has three months to consider

an asylum request, according to Russian law.

Snowden has been stuck in the transit zone of Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport since he arrived on a flight from Hong Kong on June 23. He's had offers of asylum from Venezuela, Nicaragua and Bolivia, but, because his U.S. passport has been revoked, the logistics of reaching whichever country he chooses are complicated.

Once Snowden gets the formal confirmation from the migration agency, he can freely choose his residence but will have to notify the authorities of his location, Kucherena said. He said that the fugitive told him that he had been staying at a capsule hotel in the airport's transit zone, although hordes of reporters that besieged Sheremetyevo to search for him couldn't find him there.

Putin has warned that Snowden could be granted asylum on condition he agrees not to hurt U.S. interests — implying that the American would have



Russian lawyer Anatoly Kucherena speaks during his interview with the Associated Press in Moscow, Russia, Friday, July 19, 2013.

(AP Photo/A. Zemlianichenko)

to stop leaking material on Washington's spying efforts

Kucherena said he asked Snowden if he would fulfill that condition, and the fugitive told him he could meet the demand.

"I talked to him about this and I asked him: What do you think, will you continue your subversive activity, will you unmask special services of the USA or not in the light of what Mr. Putin said?" Kucherena said. "He told me that he wouldn't do that, and that he could fulfill President Putin's request."

Asked if Snowden would be held responsible for others' future publication of material he has already leaked, Kucherena was cryptic. "I can't exclude anything. Everything that is happening around Mr. Snowden ... all this is unpredictable," he said, adding once again that he expects Snowden to keep his word not to hurt U.S. interests.

Kucherena added that Putin's request apparently reflects his desire to maintain normal relations with the United States.

EU is moving closer to action on Hezbollah

RAF CASERT Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — The European Union is moving closer to declaring the military wing of the Lebanese party Hezbollah a terrorist organization and could make a decision as soon as Monday if the last few countries with reservations are swayed, a senior EU official said Friday. Such a possibility highlights a steady change of heart within the EU, which has long held back against U.S. pressure over fears such a move would destabilize Lebanon and its neighbors.

EU foreign ministers looked into the issue earlier this year, but could now reach a decision at their monthly meeting Monday, the official said. Putting an organization on the terrorist blacklist needs unanimity among the 28 member nations.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not allowed to speak publicly, would not name the countries still opposed to the move.

The Iranian-backed group Hezbollah plays a pivotal role in Lebanese politics, dominatina the aovernment since 2011. The official said diplomatic efforts by Lebanon could affect the decisions of some member states. Even if the EU blacklists the military wing, the bloc wants to maintain contact with Lebanese political parties. Assurances of political outreach are essential to any terror blacklisting and have been instrumental in tipping the balance. according to three officials who said they were forbidden from speaking publicly on the issue ahead of Monday's ministerial meeting.

Iraq:

Sunni mosque bombing, other attacks kill 26

Q. ABDUL-ZAHRA Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — A bomb hidden in an air conditioner that ripped through a Sunni mosque during midday prayers and other attacks killed at least 26 in Iraq on Friday, extending a wave of violence targeting worshippers during the holy month of Ramadan.

Suicide attacks, car bombings and other violence have killed more than 200 people since the Islamic holy month of daytime fasting and charity began last week, according to an Associated Press count.

The violence is an exten-

sion of a surge of attacks that has roiled Iraq for months, reviving fears of a return to the widespread sectarian bloodshed that pushed the country to the brink of civil war after the 2003 U.S.-led invasion.

Most of those killed Friday were slain while performing midday prayers in the packed Abu Bakir al-Sideeq mosque in the town of Wijaihiya, which is about 80 kilometers (50 miles) northeast of Baghdad.

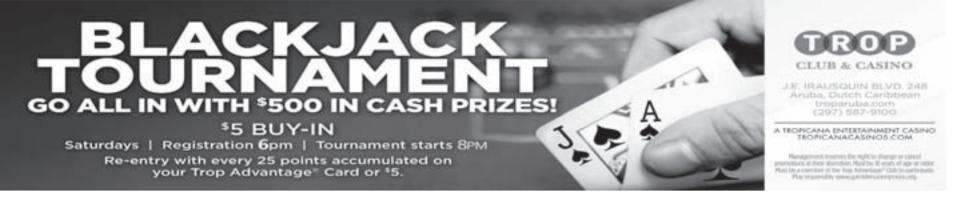
Worshippers and other eyewitnesses said the bomb apparently was planted inside a wall-mounted air conditioning unit to the left of the pulpit. AP television footage of the aftermath showed the interior of the mosque near the bomb site charred black and shrapnel damage peppering the walls. Glass, shoes and other debris littered blood-soaked red prayer rugs lining the floor. One of those praying inside, 30-vear-old Mohammed Faleh, said the blast struck as male worshippers, including children, were kneeling during communal prayers.

"I stood up to find bloodstained bodies lying on the ground. The Friday prayer turned into a disaster. Whoever left these bombs has no religion," he said.

Faleh said security forces found a second bomb left near the mosque that they rendered safe with a controlled detonation.

Between 250 to 300 people were inside the mosque when the bombing happened, said Sami Dawoud Salman, a member of the local Sahwa, a group of anti-al-Qaida Sunni militiaman that work alongside government security forces. He said the mosque was unguarded and that the local imam had been unsuccessful in getting increased protection.





Drug violence flares again in throughout Mexico

MARK STEVENSON Associated Press

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Drug cartel violence has forced hundreds of people to flee their villages in the mountains near Mexico's south-

Miguel Angel Trevino Morales, near the U.S. border. Better known as "Z-40," Trevino Morales was taken by helicopter to an undisclosed maximum-security prison Friday.

Police vehicles sit parked outside a hotel in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, Tuesday, July 16, 2013. Mexico drug cartel violence has led to a resurgence in gang confrontations leaving bodies littered around the region, authorities said Friday.

(AP Photo/Christopher Sherman)

new surge in gang confrontations that left bodies littered around the region, authorities said Friday.

The development comes just days after the arrest of one of Mexico's bloodiest capos, Zetas cartel leader

ern Pacific coast, amid a An official in the federal prosecutors' office, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he wasn't authorized to publicly discuss the case, said the prisoner now faces formal charges, but did not specify which. Soon after

Maduro demands retraction from US Ambassador to UN

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

 Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro has lashed out at Washington's U.N. ambassador-designate for what he called her "despicable" criticism of his government's human riahts re-

day evening that the United States retract Samantha Power's statement that Venezuela, along with Cuban, Iran and Russia, is guilty of a "crackdown on civil society."

Power spoke Wednesday

during confirmation hearings before a U.S. Senate committee.

Hopes were raised for improved U.S.-Venezuelan ties in June when U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry and Venezuelan Foreian Minister Elias Jaua met on Maduro demanded Thurs- the sidelines of a regional summit and agreed to fast-track talks for resuming ambassadorial-level absent since 2010.

> But prospects dimmed after Maduro later offered asylum to U.S. leaker Edward Snowden.

the arrest Monday, federal and-downs before as drug security spokesman Eduardo Sanchez said Trevino Morales would be charged with homicide, torture, organized crime, money laundering, weapons possession and drug traffick-

prosecution official The also confirmed that one of the alleged leaders of the Jalisco New Generation cartel, Victor Delgado Renteria, had been arrested last week near the western city of Guadalajara.

Some Mexicans had expressed hopes the arrest of Trevino Morales could bring a decrease in drug bloodshed, but violence has only increased along the southern Pacific coast, in the states of Michoacan and Guerrero. Mexico has often experienced such upsviolence calmed in one previously bloodied region only to swell in another.

Jalisco New Generation has been battling the Michoacan-based Knights Templar cartel for control of the southern region. Residents said the latest battles appeared tied to the discovery Friday of four bodies hanging from a bridge in the town of Buenavista, where people rose up in arms against the Knights Templar gang in February. It was unclear whether the self-defense squad in Buenavista had any relation to the deaths, which came a day after five other bullet-ridden bodies were found on a road near Buenavista, some with gunshots to the head.

The Michoacan state pros-

ecutor's office said all of the men had been shot to death, but offered no motive for the killings. But Hipolito Mora, leader of another self-defense squad in the nearby town of La Ruana, said the deaths appeared to be part of the battle between the two rival cartels.

"It look like a war has broken out," said Mora. "I think it is between the Knights Templar and Jalisco New Generation."

Even heavily armed federal police convoys traveling on major highways have come under attack. On Thursday, gunmen fired on a convoy of eight federal police trucks near a highway tollbooth, killing three officers and wounding three others before escaping into the hills.



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China:

JOE McDONALD

Controls on bank lending rates done

AP Business Writer BEIJING (AP) — China said Friday it is ending controls on bank lending rates in a move toward creating a

market-oriented financial

system to support economic growth.

Reform advocates see an overhaul of China's interest rate policy as one of the important changes

The scrapping of controls on lending rates is the first major economic reform under the government of President Xi Jinping, who took office earlier this year and faces a slowdown in China's torrid growth. Xi and other leaders have promised an array of changes but until Friday no details had been released.

times the state-set benchmark interest rate.

Private sector borrowers also might be able to get more access to credit by paying more. That could help to reduce their reliance on a vast, unregulated underground credit market.

Regulators allowed that market to flourish over the past decade to support en-



Chinese people use umbrellas to shade themselves from the sun at a commercial area in Beijing, China Wednesday, July 17, 2013. China's leaders face new pressure to stimulate a slowing economy after growth fell to its lowest since 1991, hurt by weak trade and efforts to cool a credit boom. (AP Photo/Andy Wong)

required to keep its growth strong. Banks currently lend mostly to state industry rather than the entrepreneurs who create China's new jobs and wealth. Allowing banks to negotiate credit to private enterprise. "This is a significant development for China's financial sector in the direction of having interest rates determined by market forces rather than government fiat," said Mark Williams of Capital Economics in a re-

"This reform is to further develop the basic role of market allocation of resources — an important measure to promote financial support for the development of the real economy," said their own rates with bor- a central bank statement. rowers could channel more The change takes effect Saturday.

The end of controls could allow banks to charge lower rates to more creditworthy borrowers, lowering costs for healthy businesses and spurring growth. Until now, the lower limit on lending rates was set at 0.7

trepreneurs. But they have tightened controls over the past four years since discovering state banks were putting money into such unsupervised lending and taking on unreported risks. Friday's move could foreshadow another significant change in the world's No. 2 economy — raising low rates paid to savers. There was no word on when that might happen.

Beijing has long used its banks to subsidize state industry with low-interest loans. \square

Norwegian charges rape, fights Dubai jail sentence

BRIAN MURPHY Associated Press

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — A Norwegian woman sentenced to 16 months in jail in Dubai for having sex outside marriage after she reported an alleged rape said Friday she decided to speak out in hopes of drawing attention to the risks of outsiders misunderstanding the Islamic-influenced legal codes in this cosmopolitan

The case has drawn outrage from rights groups and others in the West since the 24-year-old interior designer was sentenced Wednes-

It also highlights the increasingly frequent tensions between the United Arab Emirates' international atmosphere and its legal system, which is strongly influenced by Islamic traditions in a nation where foreign workers and visitors greatly outnumber locals.

"I have to spread the word. ... After my sentence we thought, 'How can it get worse?'" Marte Deborah Dalely told The Associated Press in an interview at a Norwegian aid compound in Dubai where she is preparing her appeal scheduled for early September.

Dalely, who worked for an interior design firm in Qatar since 2011, claims she was sexually assaulted by a coworker in March while she was attending a business meeting in Dubai.

She said she fled to the hotel lobby and asked for the police to be called. The hotel staff asked if she was sure she wanted to involve the police, Dalelv said.

"Of course I want to call the police," she said. "That is the natural reaction where I am from."

Dalely said she was given a medical examination seeking evidence of the alleged rape and underwent a blood test for alcohol. Such tests are commonly given in the UAE for alleged assaults and in other cases. Alcohol is sold widely across Dubai, but public intoxication can bring charges.

The AP does not identity the names of alleged sexual assault victims, but Dalelv went public voluntarily to talk to media.

Dalely was detained for four days after being accused of having sex outside marriage, which is outlawed in the UAE although the law is not actively enforced for tourists as well as hundreds of thousands of Westerners and others on resident visas.

She managed to reach her stepfather in Norway after being loaned a phone card by another woman in custody.

"My stepdad, he answered the phone, so I said, that I had been raped, I am in prison ... please call the embassy," she recounted. "And then I went back and

I ... just had a breakdown," she continued. "It was very emotional, to call my dad and tell him what happened."

Norwegian diplomats later secured her release and she has been allowed to remain at the Norwegian Seamen's Center in central Dubai.

She said her alleged attacker received a 13-month sentence for outof-wedlock sex and alcohol consumption.

Dubai authorities did not respond to calls for comment, but the case has brought strong criticism from Norwegian officials and activists.



At the Costa Linda Beach Resort:

Group of loyal visitors honored by Aruba Tourism Authority



the Aruba Tourism Authority had the great pleasure of honoring a group of

EAGLE BEACH - Recently loyal and friendly guests of Aruba, at the Costa Linda Beach Resort, as Distinguished Visitors and Am-

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The certificates were presented by Ernest Giel representing the Aruba Tourism Authority together with Gloria Janga and Miriam Rodriquez, representing the Costa Linda Beach Resort, in addition to a big group of friends and families of the honorees!











In a memorable sunset ceremony:

Three couples renew their vows on Divi's Beach





DRUIF BEACH - The plan for a unique triple vow renewal on Divi's beautiful beach in Aruba was hatched two years ago, when long time friends Jim & Lynne Etoll, Ben & Brenda Helmkamp and Christy & Doug Burgei decided to bring their kids and grandchildren to the island for their own renewal of marriage vows,



years of matrimony!

year, and their family members, started a count-down 2013.

Reverend Ruben Trapenberg officiate, as Jim & Lynne, married 34 years, and Ben & Brenda, Christy & Doug, each married for 36 years, all dressed in white, stood as planned on

celebrating a total of 106 the beach at sunset, surrounded by loving family The love-birds who vaca- members, answering I do, tion here together each each time the reverend popped the big question. We will never know what in anticipation of July 17th, Lynne whispered on Jim's

ear, or what Brenda said to Ben in private, but from Christy's smile when Doug slipped the ring on her finger it was obvious that the answer was yes, sealed with a triple kiss. And since the photographer couldn't







be in three places at once, the traditional kiss was repeated to heartfelt applause from the three cute granddaughter flower girls, Eliana, Adison and Abrey. Pictured here, the beautiful set up, by the Divi Aruba Weddings For You team, as the couples promise to lovingly fulfill all their marriage vows for the next 106 years. May you always be celebrating joyous occasions!





Amadeus would welcome friends and family members!



SANTA LUCIA - We would like to introduce Amadeus to you, a donkey that has found a home at the Aruba Donkey Sanctuary. Two weeks after his mother Bunny and big bro Maestro were brought in at the sanctuary, little Amadeus was born. The volunteers at the sanctuary knew that Bunny was pregnant, but they did not know when the happy occasion of Amadeus' birth would be. Pregnancy in donkeys takes between 11 and 14

months. When the volunteers came into the corral in the morning, a healthy, cute donkey boy was curiously looking at them.

At this time the ratio between male and female donkeys is 60-40, so the ladies are loving the attention. They are thriving!

This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other donkeys. On the chip is information about the donkey and its medical history. The donkeys at the sanctuary have a lot of friends with whom they can play all day long. And they love living there: they are well-cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and

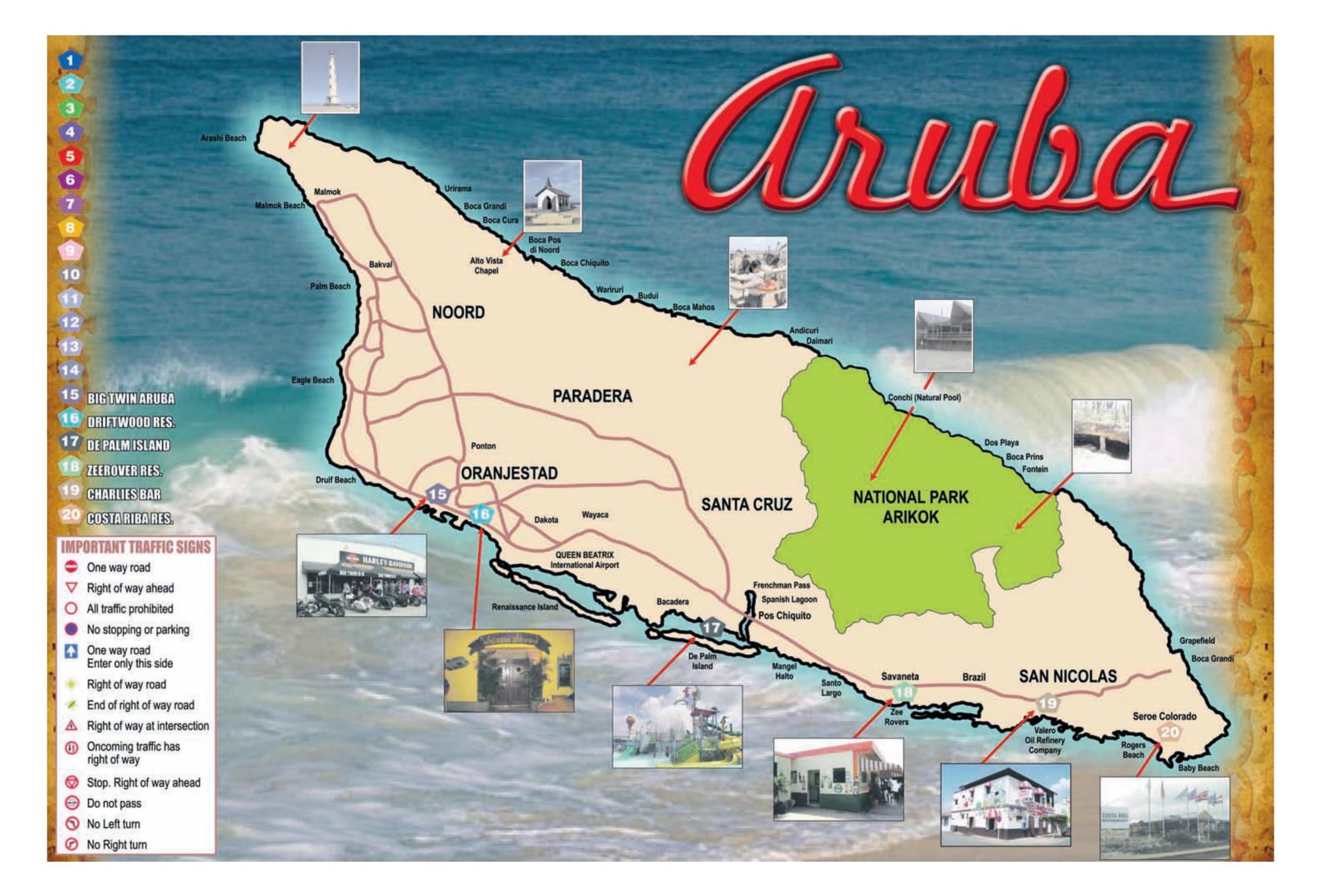
the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop. Fortunately, there are also visitors who wish to adopt a donkey, who buy something at the donkey shop or who make a donation. Thus they help support us. Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the

weekend from 10 am until 3. Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the sanctuary are hoping that somebody will adopt this friendly, lovely donkey. Of course the donkey will keep on living at the sanctuary; you only need to pay AWG. 30,-- per month for the donkey's keep. With this amount you help support the sanctuary as well as your own donkey. And you will receive a beautiful certificate and a super T-shirt and your name and photo will be posted on our website. So please call the sanctuary at 593-2933; you can also register via the website www.arubandonkey.org or donate money on bank account number 40.03.025 at the Aruba Bank! Just do it! Would you like to follow the donkeys on Facebook: surf to Donkey Sanctuary Aruba please.









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DH debate at 40: No sign of slowing down

DAVE CAMPBELL AP Sports Writer

The designated hitter turned 40 this year.

Fittingly, it's having a kind of mid-life crisis.

Never before has the imbalance between the American and National Leagues regarding Rule 6.10 been more of a potential problem.

The designated hitter rule has been controversial from day one. It's been criticized and even confusing since it was born. So it's only natural that Major League Baseball's oncebold experiment will continue to exist unevenly and indefinitely.

The DH debate won't die.
"A little controversy between the leagues is really not all bad," Commissioner
Bud Selig said before the



In this June 26, 2013, file photo, Boston Red Sox designated hitter David Ortiz claps his hands before stepping into the batter's box during an interleague baseball game against the Colorado Rockies at Fenway Park in Boston.

Associated Press

All-Star game in New York on Tuesday.

Selig cast one of the votes for using the designated hitter in AL games starting in 1973, when he owned the Milwaukee Brewers, then an AL franchise. He acknowledged this week that further geographic changes to divisions could force MLB to either scrap the DH altogether or install it for the NL, but that's a future possibility and not an imminent plan.

When Houston switched to the AL West this year to even out the leagues at 15 teams each, daily interleague games became a necessity of the schedule. "At the moment," Selig said, "we are not going to change it."

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Nenad Lalovic, head of the sport's governing body FILA, during a interview in Athens, on Friday, July 19, 2013. Associated Press

DEREK GATOPOULOS Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Wrestlers participating in an international tournament have been granted rare access to compete at the birthplace of the ancient Olympics in southern Greece as part of a campaign to keep the sport

from being dropped after the 2016 Games.

The site at Ancient Olympia, 320 kilometers (200 miles) southwest of Athens, is normally off limits to sporting competitions and is used for the Olympic flame lighting ceremony.

The 15-country tournament will take place on Saturday

Wrestling gets boost from Olympic birthplace

and Sunday.

Wrestling was one of the sports at the ancient Olympics, which also included running, boxing, long jump, javelin and discus.

"This was the birthplace of wrestling ... so we are going back to our roots," Nenad Lalovic, the head of the sport's governing body, said Friday. "We were very happy to be allowed to use a place like this for a wrestling tournament — and we're very thankful."

The IOC in February dropped wrestling from a list of core sports, leaving it to compete for a place in the 2020 Games against baseball and squash.

A decision will be taken in September, when the IOC's executive board meets in Buenos Aires, Argentina, to select the host city for those Olympics, with Istanbul, Tokyo and Madrid in the running.

The campaign to restore wrestling to the Olympics has received enthusiastic backing from Greek sport-

Lalovic, a 55-year-old Serb, took over the federation after the sport's exclusion, and said he hoped sweeping changes to the body's operating rules and new international competition rules for the sport would help get wrestling re-instated. "We had a medieval constitution and we changed that," he said. "The Olympic Games are limited by the number of disciplines, and of course everyone who doesn't follow the instructions of the organizers must be punished.

It's like having a very fast car and ignoring the speed limit."

The campaign to restore wrestling to the Olympics has received enthusiastic backing from Greek sporting authorities and the conservative-led government, which agreed to host the weekend events despite steep cuts in public funding due to the country's financial crisis and international bailout.

"We are determined to offer every possible form of support to keep wrestling in Olympic competition," Yiannis Andrianos, a deputy minister for sport, said earlier this week. "It's an obligation we have both to modern Olympic history ... and in our roles as guardians of the heritage and spirit of the ancient games. Wrestling is a connection between the two."



Fun-loving Jimenez leads midway through Open

PAUL NEWBERRY AP National Writer GULLANE, Scotland (AP)

— The stretching routine that Miguel Angel Jimenez goes through before each round may look a bit ridiculous. It's sure working out, though.

The fun-loving Spaniard, again showing how much experience matters at golf's oldest major championship, scrambled for an even-par 71 on Friday that was good enough to lead midway through the British Open at baked-out Muirfield.

He can hardly relax.

Tiger Woods was among four players just one stroke behind, a group that also included English favorite Lee Westwood, longhitting American Dustin Johnson, and Sweden's Henrik Stenson. Two-time major champion Angel Cabrera and first-round leader Zach Johnson were another stroke back, still in the game despite tough finishes.

The course was the real winner on this day — dry as a bone and firm as a snooker table, giving up only four scores in the 60s. Another warm, sunny day along the Forth of Firth had nearby beachgoers frolicking in the surf, like this was Southern California instead of Scotland, but it made things miserable out on a course that is more brown than green.

There were balls scooting all over the place. They wound up behind grandstands, in knee-high grass, up against the face of pot bunkers. Dustin Johnson had to intentionally hit a sideways shot into the rough just to escape a bunker. Phil Mickelson four-putted a hole. Darren Clarke made a quadruple-bogey. And get this — they were all still in contention for the claret jug.

Leading the way was Jimenez, a cigar-smoking, wine-loving golfer nicknamed "The Mechanic" who is perhaps best known outside Europe for the unique way he gets ready for a round.

Upon arriving at the range,

ne'll put his knees together and gyrate his hips both clockwise and counter-clockwise — silly looking enough as it is, but especially for a guy with a hefty belly and even heftier ponytail. Then he'll pull out a couple of clubs to help stretch his legs and loosen up his arms, though none of it looks very strenuous.

"I'm amused by his warmup routine," Mickelson said. "I would hurry to the course to watch it."

But this golfer is all business out on the course. Jimenez has bounced back from missing four months recovering from a broken right leg sustained in a skiing accident last winter. If he can keep it going through the weekend, he might take a run at Julius Boros, the oldest major champion in golf history when he won the PGA Championship at age 48. Heck, Tom Watson nearly won this tournament a few years ago at age 59. "Why not?" asked Jimenez, whose was at 3-under 139 through two days. "There's two more rounds to go. You never know what's going to happen. I'm just going to have fun on the golf course. When I finish here, I'll have a glass of red wine later on. I'm just going to keep doing the same thing."

He's not exactly leading the conventional way, far down in the rankings for fairways hit and greens in regulation. But no one has done a better job scrambling for pars. Jimenez ranked first in the putting, seeming to always find a way to get the ball up close to the hole even during the frequent times he ran into trouble.

"I'm playing very solid," Jimenez said. "In these conditions, it's not easy. With these pin positions, it's very, very tough to get in close." Woods plodded along most of the day, lipping out a putt from 2½ feet, missing another short putt and settling for a bunch of pars—12 in a row until his final stroke of the round. Then, he looked like the Tiger of old, rolling in a 15-footer for birdie on Muirfield's tough

he'll put his knees together and gyrate his hips both clockwise and counter-clockwise — silly looking enough as it is, but especially for a guy with a hefty closing hole. He raised his putter toward the blue sky with a flourish, fully aware he was positioned again to break the longest major drought of his career.

"It will be a fun weekend," said Woods, who also shot 71. "I was kind of fighting it." Everyone was. Westwood was among that minuscule group putting up a score in the 60s, but even he was staggering a bit by the end. After a brilliant front nine — he carded five birdies — the 40-year-old bogeyed three of the last six holes to finish with a 68. The last English golfer to win the British Open was Nick Faldo in 1992.

Westwood wants to end that streak with his first major title.

"Why not enjoy it out

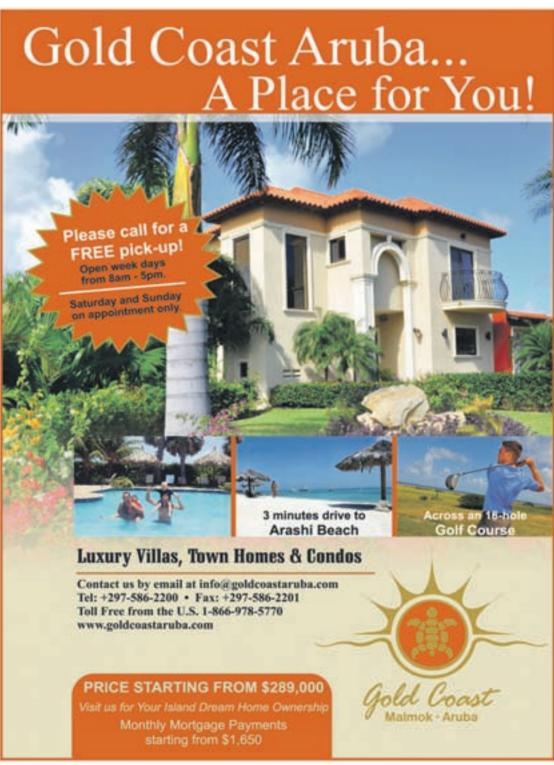


Miguel Angel Jimenez of Spain plays out of a sand trap on the 18th hole during the first round of the British Open Golf Championship at Muirfield, Scotland, Thursday July 18, 2013. Associated Press

there?" he said. "It's tough for everybody. So smile your way through."

Woods is trying to break a drought of his own. He's

0-for-16 at majors since the 2008 U.S. Open, and missed four others during that stretch recovering from injuries.





Justin Gatlin of USA wins the 100m men race at the Herculis International Athletics Meeting, at the Louis II Stadium in Monaco, Friday, July 19, 2013. **Associated Press**

TRUNG LATIEULE **Associated Press**

MONACO (AP) — Justin Gatlin of the United States proved that he will be the toughest rival for Jamaican sprinter Usain Bolt at the world championships by running 9.94 seconds to win the 100 meters at the Herculis meeting on Friday. Gatlin held off a challenge from fellow countryman Dentarius Locke, who finished 0.02 seconds back. French champion Jimmy Vicaut took third in 9.99.

Amantle Montsho of Botswana, Vitezslav Vesely of the Czech Republic, along with Kenyans Asbel Kiprop and Edwin Cheruiyot Soi meanwhile set world-leading marks in the 10th leg of the Diamond League cir-

World champion Montsho ran the women's fastest 400 this season in 49.33. European champion Vesely threw 87.68 in the men's javelin. Kiprop clocked 3:27.72 to beat Mo Farah of Britain in the men's 1,500.

Gatlin wins 100 in Monaco

And Soi ran 12:51.34 in the men's 5,000.

In his first competition back from a hamstring injury, Gatlin had enough power to lead a U.S. team to victory in the 400 relay with a time of 37.58 before winning the 100. Gatlin was not disappointed by his time, 0.19 second shy of American sprinter Tyson Gay's world-leading time. Gay pulled out from the Herculis meet and the worlds after being notified last week by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency of a positive test for a banned substance.

Gatlin is the only sprinter who has beaten Bolt this year. The 2004 Olympic champion and 2005 world champion edged Bolt by 0.01 second in Rome last month. World champion Kiprop entered the final lap of the 1,500 with the lead and broke away in the final curve. Farah came

second in 3:28.81 to break the European record previously held by Spaniard Fermin Camacho since 1997. Britain's 5,000 and 10,000 Olympic champion from the London Games was running his first 1,500 this season to work on his speed ahead of the worlds. Olympic runner-up Leonel Manzano of the United States finished a distant 13th, more than 16 seconds off the pace.

Montsho beat Stephanie McPherson by 0.59 second to take the women's 400 and leapfrog Antonina Krivoshapka for the worldleading time. Francena McCorory of the United States ran a personal best in 49.96 to finish third.

Vesely outclassed his rivals in the javelin, with Dmitriy Tarabin of Russia throwing 84.33 to finish second. Former Olympic champion Andreas Thorkildsen of Norway completed the podium with a 83.71 mark. In the women's 100 hurdles, Sally Pearson of Australia is still short of fitness three weeks before the worlds. The Olympic and world champion wound up fifth in a race won by Queen Harrison of the United States in 12.64. Pearson had a season hampered by a hamstring injury, losing also in Birmingham, Lausanne (Switzerland) and

Jehue Gordon of Trinidad and Tobago won the 400 hurdles by stunning Olympic champion Felix Sanchez of the Dominican Republic and former world champion Kerron Clement of the United States.

Sotteville (France).

Gordon ran 48.00, just 0.04 shy of the world-leading time set by Olympic runner-up Michael Tinsley at the U.S. trials last month. Sanchez and Clement finished respectively sixth and seventh.

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Froome close to tasting champagne as Tour winner

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LE GRAND-BORNAND,
France (AP) — Chris
Froome can already taste
the champagne and has
only one more day of
climbing remaining before
mounting the Champs-Elysees podium steps as Britain's second consecutive

Tour de France winner.

The race leader preserved his comfortable five-minute-plus lead over two-time former champion Alberto Contador on Friday's rainy 19th stage featuring four big climbs and one hair-raisingly fast descent. Rui Costa won it with a solo breakaway on the final ascent. Froome braced himself for a big Contador attack that never materialized on any of the climbs, nor in the long downhill to

"I certainly feel a big sigh of relief," Froome said. "Today was a day I was nervous about, happy to put it behind us."

the finish line on increas-

ingly wet roads.

Contador is 5:11 behind and has only Saturday's final mountain stage in which to do that, since Sun-



Rui Alberto Costa of Portugal crosses the finish line to win the nineteenth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 204.5 kilometers (127.8 miles) with start in in Bourg-d'Oisans and finish in Le Grand-Bornand, France, Friday July 19 2013.

day's 21st and last stage is largely processional.

"It's going to be hard for someone to take more than five minutes in 125 kilometers (78 miles)," Froome said. "But having said that I don't want to be complacent and want to stay switched on until at

least tomorrow evening."
Realistically, only an improbable slump — make that impossible, given how he's been riding so far — will stop the 28-year old from matching countryman Bradley Wiggins's success last year.

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"I am excited, but quietly

excited," Froome said. "It is a day where the whole team's going to have to stay alert and control that last stage. One final big effort, then we can start relaxing on the ride into Paris."

Costa secured his second stage win of the race, and third of his career, after catching Frenchman Pierre Roland about a quarter of the way up the final major ascent of Col de la Croix Fry.

German veteran Andreas Kloeden was second and Belgian Jan Bakelants was third.

The 204.5-kilometers (127-mile) trek featured two HC climbs and two Category 1 ascents between Bourg-d'Oisans and Le Grand-Bornand in the snow-capped peaks of the Alps. Contador was tipped to attack Froome on the downhill stretch, but perhaps because of the rainy conditions, he held back.

"Even though there wasn't much attacking, it was really tough out there," Froome said. "For us the objective was to stay on the wheel (of the other contenders)," Froome said. "The team did a huge amount of work today. There are still 125 kilometers to go tomorrow."

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Saturday's 20th stage from Annecy to Annecy-Semnoz features a Category 1 climb and finishes with an HC or Hors Categorie climb, meaning they are considered so tough they are beyond classification. But Contador will need a miracle to claw back his deficit and may not even

"It all depends on how my legs are tomorrow," Contador said. "It depends how I feel."

go for it.

Froome was not attacked up the first of the two big HC climbs to Col du Glandon.

Canadian Ryder Hesjedal and Spaniard Jon Izaguirre opened up a sizeable lead over the yellow jersey group once they went over the top. As Hesjedal and Izaguirre reached the second HC of Col de Madeleine, the peloton was 10 minutes behind. Hesjedal forged ahead but was then overtaken by Frenchman Pierre Rolland.

Federer struggles to reach Hamburg semifinals



HAMBURG, Germany (AP)

— Top-seeded Roger Federer was taken to the limit on Friday before coming through for a 7-6 (4), 3-6, 7-5 victory over Florian Mayer and a place in the semifinals of the German

Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to German Florian Mayer during their quarterfinal match of the International German Open ATP tennis tournament in Hamburg, Germany Friday evening July 19, 2013.

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Tennis Championships.

Federer is playing his first tournament since losing in the second round of Wimbledon.

A four-time champion on the clay courts of Hamburg, Federer needed two hours to overcome Mayer. Federer was down 5-1 in the second set, won the next two games but then faltered again. He double-faulted and then produced two straight forehand errors to give up the set.

In the third, Federer broke

serve twice, only to see the German re-break both times. But with the match on the line, the Swiss former No. 1 raised his game considerably. He broke serve with the loss of a point for a 6-5 lead and served out the match at love, hitting a service winner on match point. He next plays Argentine qualifier Federico Delbonis, who upset 14thseeded Fernando Verdasco of Spain 6-7 (5), 7-6 (8), 6-4 to make the semifinals of a tournament for the second time in his career. Fabio Fognini of Italy beat Tommy Haas for the second time in two weeks to also advance to the semi-

finals. Fognini prevailed 6-2, 6-4 over the secondseeded home favorite. The 12th-seeded Italian is looking for his second straight title after winning his first tournament in Stuttgart, where he beat Haas in the quarterfinals. Fognini next faces third-seeded Nicolas Almagro of Spain, who came from behind to beat defending champion Juan Monaco of Argentina 4-6, 6-0, 6-3. The fifth-seeded Monaco beat Almagro in the Hamburg semifinals last year. Almagro was runner-up in Hamburg two years ago, while Monaco beat Haas for the title last

The best designated hitters in baseball history

DAVE CAMPBELL AP Sports Writer

At 40 years and counting, the designated hitter debate continues in baseball.

Inarguably, though, some of the game's greatest batters have been able to extend or enhance their careers with the DH rule in the American League. Here's one take on the top five designated hitters:

5. HAROLD BAINES

Baines had a 22-year all-AL career that began in 1980 with Chicago, and by 1987 the DH was his regular position. Over the final nine seasons of his career, Baines appeared in the outfield in only one game. But he kept on because of his bat, turning in one of his best years at age 40 in 1999 when he became an All-Star for the sixth time. Baines hit .322 with 24 home runs and 81 RBIs in just 345 at-bats that season for Baltimore, which traded him to Cleveland that August.

4. FRANK THOMAS:

Thomas often spoke of the difficulty of being a good DH, given the challenge of staying sharp between at-bats without defense to play in the meantime. But the guy they called the "Big Hurt" was used as a DH more than a first baseman from 1998 through the end of his 19-year career in 2008 and exclusively for his final four seasons due in part to ankle problems. The two-time MVP, another AL lifer who made his mark with Chicago, is a strong candidate for the Hall of Fame when he becomes eligible in 2014, with 521 home runs and a .301 career batting average.

3. PAUL MOLITOR:

The first DH to win the World Series MVP award, with Toronto in 1993, was a first-ballot Cooperstown inductee with 3,319 hits and 504 stolen bases over his 21-year career. Molitor was an infielder, mostly at third base, when his body allowed it, but persistent injuries steered him toward the DH role by the end of his tenure with Milwaukee. He won his final of four Silver Slugger awards as a DH with Minnesota in 1996.

2. DAVID ORTIZ:

Ortiz became the leader in career hits by a DH this month, passing Baines with a double at Seattle,

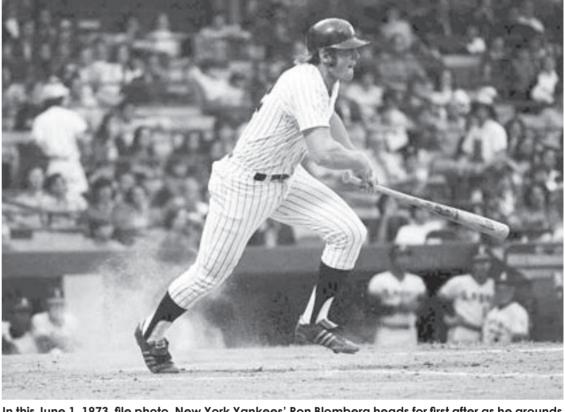


In this Sept. 16, 1996, file photo, Minnesota Twins' Paul Molitor loosens up during batting practice before a baseball game against the Kansas City Royals at Kauffman Stadium in Kansas City, Mo. **Associated Press**

the organization he came up with before being traded to Minnesota. Claimed after the 2002 season by Boston, Ortiz has played sparingly at first base over 17 years in the majors but been a fixture among the AL offensive leaders, highlighted by the 54 homers and 137 RBIs he totaled in 2006, both league highs. His career on-base-plus-slugging percentage is a whopping .931.

1. EDGAR MARTINEZ:

Hamstring problems made Martinez, who began his career as a third baseman, a regular DH. Had he been healthy enough to play in the field more, Martinez might be in the Hall of Fame. He never reached 200 hits in any of his 18 seasons, all with Seattle, but his .418 career onbase percentage was one of the best of his generation.



In this June 1, 1973, file photo, New York Yankees' Ron Blomberg heads for first after as he grounds out against the California Angels during a baseball game at Yankee Stadium in New York. Blomberg became the first major league designated hitter in an opening-day game in 1973. **Associated Press**

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Perhaps the most polarizing of this sport's many quirks and imperfections, the designated hitter came to be when AL teams sought to boost their then-lagging product. The decision was made during a time when the two leagues were far less integrated than now.

The gimmick not only worked to increase scoring and attendance but created a way for some of the game's greatest hitters to extend their careers — and make a lot more money.

Orlando Cepeda even credited the rule for boosting his Hall of Fame credentials, after Boston signed him for the 1973 season following a long career with San Francisco.

"That was one of the best years, because I was playing on one leg and I hit .289," Cepeda said earlier this season. "And I hit four doubles in one game. Both my knees were hurting, and I was designated hitter of

average salary by position at \$8.1 million, behind first basemen at \$8.6 million. That's the main reason why eliminating the DH to bring the AL back on line with the NL is almost unfathomable. last time the NL hit above Boston's David Ortiz, who .270 was 1939. The AL has

ines on the career list for hits by a DH, is making \$14 million this season at age 37. The designated hitter has also helped teams keep their best players in the lineup while giving them some type of rest. Minnesota All-Star catcher Joe Mauer is a prime example. When he needs a break from crouching behind the plate, manager Ron Garden can keep his potent bat in the lineup at DH.

"I get a lot of questions about the DH, how we use it and all that stuff, but basically the way I see it is I'd rather see David Ortiz hit than some pitcher," Mauer said, intending no offense to his own teammates. "So we'll see. It is what it is right

Most of Mauer's AL peers predictably express support for the DH's existence, even if a lot of them would rather play a position than sit around between at-bats. The power of the players' union, protective of this lucrative and prominent job, is another undeniable force for the DH. And despite the Designated hitters last year complaints from dads with had the second-highest sleepy kids at long games, fans usually enjoy seeing runs cross the plate.

The cumulative AL batting average has beaten the NL's mark in each of the first 40 seasons of the DH. The recently passed Harold Ba- 11 seasons of .270-plus bat-

ting during the DH era. There are purists who have

a hard time forgiving MLB for the installing the DH, though. Remember the movie "Bull Durham," when Kevin Costner's character Crash Davis launches his crude rant about the qualities and superficialities of life. "I believe there ought to be a constitutional amendment outlawing AstroTurf and the designated hitter," he said.

The NL guys, naturally, tout the purity of the no-DH game and the additional substitution strategy it provides. Many pitchers simply find it fun to try to hit — even if it means sometimes looking silly swinging meekly at strike three.

Yes, DH conflicts keep on coming — even in spring training. The home team is supposed to decide whether or not to use it and sometimes managers disagree.

Cincinnati's Dusty Baker wanted to use Shin-Soo Choo in that role for an exhibition game in March as a precaution for his tight right quadriceps, but Arizona's Kirk Gibson insisted on keeping the pitcher in the lineup so he could let starter Brandon McCarthy take some swings. Baker and Gibson argued before the game about it at home plate. Gibson prevailed because the Diamondbacks were the host team.

Pope OKs indulgences for the tweeting classes

NICOLE WINFIELD Associated Press

VATICAN CITY (AP) — The Vatican is offering indulgences for Facebook fans, Twitter lovers and other "virtual" participants of the upcoming World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro but there's a hitch.

The Holy See's social media guru, Archbishop Claudio Maria Celli, warned Friday that merely checking the pope's Twitter feed won't result in an indulgence, the ancient church tradition related to the forgiveness of sins that roughly amounts to a "get out of Purgatory free" card.

Rather, Celli told The Associated Press, a Catholic seeking an indulgence for participating in Rio — either physically or virtually— must truly be contrite and have a moment of deepening faith. "When

we are touching spirituality, the problem resides not in what I do but what is in my heart," Celli said. "It's not just watching TV and the ceremonies of the Holy Father that I get the indulgence, or because I'm going to Rio, or because I'm reading a tweet of the Holy Father. That's not the forgiveness of sins." According to church teaching, Catholics who confess their sins are forgiven and therefore released from the eternal or spiritual punishment of damnation. An indulgence is designed to remove the "temporal" punishment of sin that may remain — the consequence of the wrongdoing that might have disrupted the sinner's relationships with others.

Famously, Martin Luther's opposition to the church's practice of selling indul-



In this photo taken on Saturday, June 25, 2011 Monsignor Claudio Maria Celli shows to journalists the new portal, www.news.va, during a press conference at the Vatican.

and the practice of buy-

excommunicated,

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gences inspired him to launch the Protestant Reformation in the 1500s. He

ing and selling indulgences has been illegal since 1562 Council of Trent, but the granting of them has continued. The Vatican earlier this month announced, as it does ahead of every World Youth Day, that participants in the July 22-28 Rio edition would be eligible for indulgences. The crite-

ria are tough: Catholics in Rio must go to confession, receive Communion, pray and "be truly contrite."

But in a blending of new technology with old theology, the decree approved by Pope Francis specified that even people who couldn't make it to Rio could be eligible for a partial indulgence. The same conditions must be met, but sinners following the Rio event can score an indulgence by participating "spiritually" and following the events on "television, radio or, always with the necessary devotion, via new means of social communication."

During the last edition of World Youth Day in Madrid, in 2011, such partial indulgences were also available "to all those, wherever they may be," who followed the event from afar and met the same spiritual criteria. But the Rio 2013 decree spelled it out explicitly, evidence that the Vatican is continuing to appreciate the power of social media for its evangelizing mission.

To date, the pope's @Pontifex handle has more than 7 million followers in the nine languages in which Francis tweets. Most of the followers signed up when Benedict XVI inaugurated the handle last year.

The Rev. Robert Gahl a moral theologian at Rome's Pontifical Holy Cross University, said the decree from the Vatican's Apostolic Penitentiary was believed to be the first time that indulgences have been offered for social media participation.

Apple buys 2 startups to improve its mobile maps

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Apple has bought online mapping services HopStop and Locationary as part of its ongoing effort to create a more formidable alternative to Google's navigation system.

The acquisitions confirmed Friday give Apple Inc. more tools to round out the maps that it embeds in the mobile operating system running its iPhones and iPads. Apple relied on Google Inc. for the built-in maps on those devices until switching to its own system last year. The switch turned into an embarrassment for Apple when iPhone and iPad users discovered the maps sometimes gave faulty directions and mis-

placed famous landmarks. Apple CEO Tim Cook ended up apologizing for the gaffes, and recommended iPhone and iPad users rely on Google's maps until improvements could be made. When Google released a new mapping app for the iPhone late last year, it quickly became one of the most downloaded programs for the device. Google's maps are also widely used on mobile devices running on that company's Android software, as well as through Web browsers on personal computers.

Apple, which is based in Cupertino, California, isn't saying how it plans to deploy its latest acquisition.

"Apple buys smaller technology companies from time to time, and we generally do not discuss our purpose or plans," company spokesman Kristin Huguet said.

New York-based HopStop

provides directions to major transit systems and biking routes, popular features on Google's maps. Locationary, which is based in Toronto, collects and analyzes data to help create more precise maps. Terms of the acquisitions weren't disclosed.

Google paid \$1.03 billion last month to buy an Israel startup called Waze that relies on social networking to monitor local traffic conditions.



Tech slump holds back US stocks; S&P edges up

STEVE ROTHWELL AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — A bad day for technology stocks Friday slowed a recent surge in the stock market.

Microsoft led the slump in tech, falling the most in more than four years after the company wrote off nearly \$1 billion on its new tablet computer and reported declining revenue for its Windows operating system. Google dropped after its revenue fell below analysts' forecasts, partly because the Internet search leader's ad prices took an unexpected turn lower.

With tech stocks falling, the Standard & Poor's 500 index managed a gain of 2.72 points, or 0.2 percent, to an all-time high of 1,692.09. The S&P 500 has rebounded after a decline last month and is up 5.3 percent in July.

Despite the market's broad advance, a growing list of poor tech results is raising concerns about the strength of the economy and the stock market. Intel and eBay also reported weak results this week, and chipmaker Advanced Micro reported a second-quarter loss because of a worldwide slump in PC demand.

Technology "has definitely been a sector that people have been expecting big things from and it has not delivered," said Randy Frederick, Managing Director of Active Trading & Derivatives at the Schwab Center for Financial Research.

The Dow Jones industrial average closed down 4.80 points, or 0.03 percent, to 15,543.71. If not for the declines in Microsoft, Hewlett-Packard and IBM, the index would have gained about 70 points.

Even General Electric's

S&P 500 this year, gaining only 8.5 percent, versus 18.6 percent for the broader index. The industry is one of four of the 10 sectors in the S&P 500 that are expected to see earnings growth contract in the second quarter.

Microsoft dropped \$4.04, or 11.4 percent, to \$31.40 after reporting its earnings late Thursday. That's the

Specialist Joseph Dreyer, center, and trader Sean Spain, right, work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The U.S. stock market rally that led to record highs on Thursday has stalled, with tech stocks leading the Dow down to end the week.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

brighter outlook for the U.S. economy on Friday was overshadowed by the tech slump.

The technology-heavy Nasdaq composite fell 23.66 points, or 0.7 percent, to 3,587.61. The index was the only major market benchmark to end the week lower, falling 0.4 percent.

Technology stocks in the S&P 500 have lagged the

biggest one-day decline since the stock slumped 11.7 percent in January 2009. Google fell \$14.08, or 1.5 percent, \$896.60. It also posted earnings late Thursday.

The stock market has risen sharply in July after the Federal Reserve reassured investors it wouldn't pull back on its stimulus before the economy is strong enough. The U.S. central

bank is currently buying \$85 billion in bonds every month to keep long-term interest rates low and to encourage borrowing and hiring.

In government bond trading, the yield on the 10-year Treasury note fell to 2.48 percent from 2.53 percent late Thursday. The yield has fallen from 2.74 percent on July 5, when the government reported strong hiring.

The pullback in bond yields should help stocks sustain their rally because it makes them look more attractive compared to bonds, said Paul Zemsky, head of multiasset strategies for ING U.S. Investment Management. Lower interest rates should also support the housing market by holding down mortgage rates.

"A lot of the fears that had come from these higher rates are abating," Zemsky said. "Rates have come back down and that's good."

The price of crude oil edged up a penny to \$108.05 a barrel. The price of gold climbed \$8.70 to \$1,292.90 an ounce.

Among other stocks making big moves:

— General Electric rose \$1.09, or 4.6 percent, to \$24.72 after posting a slight gain in net income in the second quarter. GE also said its U.S. operations are picking up steam. The results were better than analysts had forecast. □

Oil is little changed near \$108

The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP)—The price of oil finished with a fourth straight weekly gain after rising a penny on Friday.

Benchmark crude for August delivery rose 1 cent

gust delivery rose 1 cent to close at \$108.05 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Oil gained \$2.10 a barrel this week.

Signs of an improving U.S. economy have helped push the price of oil to the highest level in 16 months. On Friday, oil rose to \$109.32, the highest price since March 1, 2012, before pulling back.

Oil has jumped 15 percent since June 21, when it traded at \$93.69, and has pulled up the price of gasoline along with it. Gasoline futures have gained 13 percent in the same period. Oil prices have gained support from improved hiring and manufacturing activity in the U.S. A sharp drop in the nation's crude oil supply, signaling an increase in demand, has also boosted energy prices.

Recent gains by West Texas Intermediate, or WTI, the U.S. benchmark oil grade traded on the Nymex, have erased the spread to the Brent contract traded in London from over \$13 in April. Brent crude, the benchmark for many international types of oil, was down 63 cents to finish at \$108.07 a barrel on the ICE Futures exchange.





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European weakness weighs on Electrolux's Q2

appliance maker Electrolux reported Friday an 8 percent fall in second-quarter earnings amid continued economic weakness in Europe and unfavorable currency fluctuations.

The Stockholm-based company said its earnings for the period amounted to 642 million kronor (\$98 mil-

were flat year-on-year at 26.7 billion kronor (\$4 billion), the company said.

Overall, organic sales grew nearly 6 percent during the quarter, led by strong performances in North and South America.

In Brazil, the company did particularly well amid high demand for air condition-

Despite reporting an 18 percent increase in Latin American sales, negative currency swings harmed the company.

In North America, which accounts for 30 percent of Electrolux's total sales, demand for core appliances rose 9 percent in the second quarter.

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Home lion), while quarterly sales ers and washing machines. Particularly disappointing for the company was the weakness in Europe — a core market for the world's second largest manufacturer of household appliances — where prices and sales were under pressure. Net sales for Europe, the Mideast and Africa, which comprise nearly 30 percent of total sales, fell over 2 per-

cent in the quarter to 8 billion kronor (\$1.2 billion). But the company believes a turnaround in Europe. "Looking ahead to next year and beyond, we expect demand in Europe to rebound and...earnings to recover," CEO Keith

Electrolux employs 61,000 people worldwide.

McLoughlin said.

GE shares rise to post-crisis high on US outlook

JONATHAN FAHEY AP Energy Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — An improving outlook for the U.S. economy and signs of stabilization in Europe sent General Electric shares to their highest level since 2008 despite modest quarterly results.

"Orders in the U.S. were the strongest in some time," CEO Jeff Immelt said on a conference call with investors following the release of the company's secondquarter results Friday.

Immelt said the U.S. economic environment remained "mixed," but his outlook marked an improvement from recent quarters, when he ехpressed more caution about the U.S. market.

GE, based in Fairfield, Connecticut, has a broad view of the global economy because it sells a wide variety of industrial equipment and appliances around the world, including jet engines, medical diagnostic equipment, oil and gas drilling equipment and washing machines.

GE's net income rose 6 percent in the first half of the vear, and the improved even better growth in the reach the roughly \$30 per second half.

GE shares rose \$1.09, or 4.6 percent, to close at \$24.72 Friday. They went as high as \$24.95, the highest intraday level since September of 2008, when the shares were in the midst of a plunge

share they were trading at before the financial crisis hit.

But the improvement in the company's share price represents confidence in the company's transformation to a more focused in-



A General Electric (GE) sign is seen on display at Western Appliance store in Mountain View, Calif. General Electric is reporting a slight gain in net income in the second quarter and said Friday July 19, 2013 U.S. operations are picking up steam. (AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

The recovery in GE shares is not quite complete shares would have to rise

brought on by the financial dustrial conglomerate. GE is dramatically shrinking its banking division — the giant financial services arm that threatened to pull the outlook raised hopes of another 15 percent to company apart during the

media and other non-industrial businesses.

"A GE back to its core roots is a very compelling investment story," wrote Scott Davis, an analyst at Barclays. "This is the GE we grew up with."

At the same time, the company has beefed up divisions that industrial equipment such as gas-fired turbines and oil and gas drillina equipment.

GE earned \$3.13 billion in the second quarter, up from \$3.11 billion a year earlier. On a per share basis, the company earned 30 cents, up from 29 cents. Revenue fell 4 percent, to \$35.12 billion from \$36.5 billion. Adjusted to reflect earnings from continuing operations, GE earned 36 cents per share. That's 2 cents less than adjusted earnings last year, but one cent better than analysts polled by FactSet had expected.

GE said orders for new equipment and services grew 20 percent in the U.S. during the quarter. In Europe, orders grew 2 percent after falling 17 percent in the first quarter, helped by oil and gas orders in called "a mess."

financial crisis — and shed the North Sea and aviation equipment and services.

"In the GE world at least (Europe) seems to have stabilized," Immelt said. Emerging markets mained strong, he said. The company's total orders for new business rose \$7 bil-

lion, or 4 percent, last quarter to a record \$223 billion. Orders for oil and gas drilling equipment and energy management equipment showed especially strong arowth; orders for transportation and power and water equipment fell.

Profit margins for industrial segments rose 0.5 percent in the quarter and remain on track to post growth of 0.7 percent for the full year, GE said. GE Capital earnings fell 9 percent for the year. Christian Mayes, an analyst at Edward Jones, called the quarter "hohum" but noticed some encouraging signs for GE. Revenue slipped at the company's power and water division, which sells and services gas-fired turbines, wind turbines, and water treatment equipment, but the division's profits returned to more normal levels after a first quarter he

Microsoft skids on Surface, earnings disappoint

RYAN NAKASHIMA AP Business Writer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a year after Microsoft entered the tablet computer market with the Surface, the cracks are starting to show.

The software giant on Thursday booked a large writeoff to its Surface RT busi-

ness after it slashed prices system software unit. demand this week. Its quarterly earnings results also showed that Windows 8, an operating system designed to bridge the divide between PCs and tablets, has been so poorly received that it contributed to a revenue drop in its operatina

on the tablets to stimulate. The missteps in both stra- fallen short of expectations. transition will succeed. tegic product lines disappointed Wall Street and shares plunaed nearly 7 percent to \$33.10 in afterhours trading Thursday.

> The write-down for expected losses on the Surface RT tablet amounted to \$900 million. Even without it, Mi

crosoft's results would have questions as to whether the The results came a week after the company announced a major reorganization to help it transform into a "devices and services" company that is less reliant on providing software for personal computers. The earnings miss raised new

"It doesn't inspire a lot of confidence," said Nomura Securities analyst Rick Sherlund. "You're in the hardware business now, and pretty shortly after entering it you have a pretty big write down. That's embarrassina."

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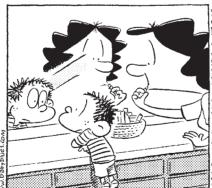
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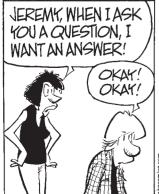


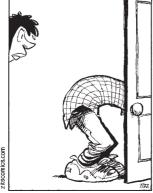
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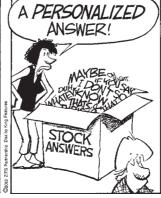












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US warns against shooting guns at drones

JOAN LOWY
Associated Press
WASHINGTON (AP) —
Americans who fire guns
at drones are endangering
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that he has 28 signatures on a petition — roughly 10 percent of the town's registered voters.

Under Colorado law, that requires local officials to formally consider the proposal at a meeting next tering to tracking sea lions in remote rocky outcroppings to aiding search and rescue missions.

But the Deer Trail proposal is the latest ripple in a spreading backlash against drones.



An unmanned aircraft in flight in the United States. It's a good bet that in the not-so-distant future aerial drones will be part of Americans' everyday lives, performing countless useful functions. The Federal Aviation Administration warned Friday that Americans who fire guns at drones are endangering the public and property and could be prosecuted or fined.

(AP Photo/Don Ryan)

tion Administration warned Friday.

The FAA released a statement in response to questions about an ordinance under consideration in the tiny farming community of Deer Trail, Colorado, that would encourage hunters to shoot down drones. The administration reminded the public that it regulates the nation's airspace, including the airspace over cities and towns.

A drone "hit by gunfire could crash, causing damage to persons or property on the ground, or it could collide with other objects in the air," the statement said. "Shooting at an unmanned aircraft could result in criminal or civil liability, just as would firing at a manned airplane."

Under the proposed ordinance, Deer Trail would grant hunting permits to shoot drones. The permits would cost \$25 each. The town would also encourage drone hunting by awarding \$100 to anyone who presents a valid hunting license and identifiable pieces of a drone that has been shot down.

Deer Trail resident Phillip Steel, 48, author of the proposal, said in an interview month, he said. Town officials would then have the option of adopting the ordinance or putting it on the ballot in an election this fall, he said.

The proposed ordinance is mostly a symbolic protest against small, civilian drones that are coming into use in the United States, Steel said. He acknowledged that it's unlikely there are any drones in use near Deer Trail.

"I don't want to live in a surveillance society. I don't feel like being in a virtual prison," Steel said. "This is a pre-emptive strike."

He dismissed the FAA's warning. "The FAA doesn't have the power to make a law," he said.

The FAA is working on regulations to safely integrate drones into the skies over the U.S., where manned aircraft are prevalent. The Congress gave the FAA until 2015 to develop the regulations, but the agency is behind schedule.

FAA officials have estimated that once regulations are in place, thousands of drones will be in use across the country for a wide variety of purposes, from helping farmers figure out which crops need wa-



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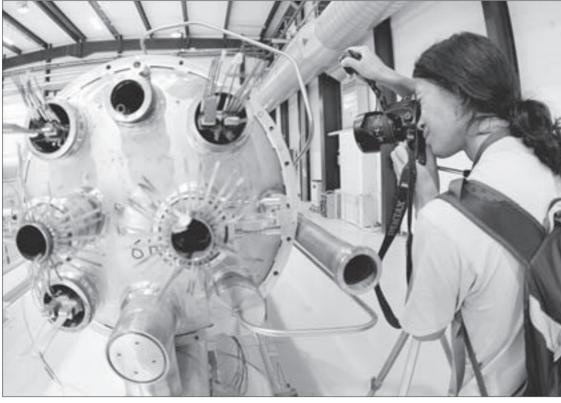


Physicists unveil results helping explain universe

JOHN HEILPRIN Associated Press

GENEVA (AP) — After a quarter-century of searching, scientists have nailed down how one particularly rare subatomic particle decays into somethina else — a discovery that adds certainty to our thinking about how the universe began and keeps running. The world's top particle physics lab said Friday it had measured the decay time of a particle known as a Bs (B sub s) meson into two other fundamental particles called muons, which are much heavier than but similar to electrons. It was observed as part of the reams of data coming from CERN's \$10 billion Large Hadron Collider, the world's largest atom smasher, on the Swiss-French border near Geneva.

The rare sighting at the European Center for Nuclear Research, known by its French acronym CERN, shows that the so-called standard model of particle



In this Aug. 7, 2010 file picture an amateur photographer takes a picture in the assembly room of the elements of the LHC (large hadron collider) during the Particle Physics Photowalk at the European Particle Physics laboratory (CERN) in Geneva, Switzerland.

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physics is "coming through with flying colors," though it describes only 5 percent of the universe, said Pierluigi Campana, who leads one of the two main teams at CERN involved in the re-

Campana called the results an important development that helps confirm the standard model, a theory developed over the past half century to explain the basic building blocks of

It applies to everything from galaxies and stars to the smallest microcosms, showing how they are thought to have come into being and continue to function. The results were formally unveiled at a major physics conference in Stockholm.

Also at the conference, an international team of scientists based at Japan's Proton Accelerator Research Complex announced they have documented muon neutrinos transforming into electron neutrinos — a pre-

viously unknown third way that neutrinos can spontaneously change identity. Neutrinos are subatomic particles that are very hard to detect because they have extremely low mass and rarely interact with

That breakthrough is "a big deal," said one of the neutrino collaboration leaders, University of California at Irvine physicist Henry Sobel, because explaining the matter-antimatter asymmetry in neutrinos may shed light on why everything from tiny forms of life to stars are made of matter, but there is almost no antimatter left in the universe. That remains one of the biggest mysteries of the universe — since the Big Bang nearly 14 billion years ago should have created equal amounts of matter and antimatter.

But researchers also have been looking for this particular rare decay from the Bs particle for a long time. "This is a process that particle physicists have been trying to find for 25 years," said Joe Incandela, leader of the second CERN team involved in the subatomic particle research. He called it a "rare process involving a particle with a mass that is roughly 1,000 times smaller than the masses of the heaviest particles we are searching for

The standard model also predicted a new subatomic particle discovered last summer. The long-sought Higgs boson creates what scientists call a "sticky" energy field that acts as a drag on other particles and gives them mass, without which particles wouldn't hold together — and there would be no matter.

The newest research shows that only a few Bs particles per billion decay into pairs of muons, which was along the lines of what was predicted under the standard model. But because the Bs particle's decay helps confirm an old theory, some scientists also expressed a bit of disappointment they had not found something completely unexpected or new.

"This is a victory for the standard model," said Joel Butler of the United States' Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, near Chicago. "But we know the standard model is incomplete, so we keep trying to find things that disagree with it."



This artist rendering released by NASA shows a planet outside the solar system that was detected by NASA's Kepler spacecraft. **Associated Press**

NASA tries to save planet-hunting telescope

MOFFETT FIELD, California (AP) — NASA says it will try to fix its space telescope that hunts for planets outside our solar system.

Recovery efforts to save the \$600 million mission began Thursday and will last for a week. Mission managers won't know until later this month at the earliest whether the Kepler spacecraft will ever search for Earth-like planets again.

Two months ago, Kepler

lost the second of four wheels that control its position in space. It needs three working wheels, and engineers plan to send commands to try to get the broken wheels spinning again. Since launching in 2009, Kepler has confirmed 134 planets and spotted more than 3,200 potential ones. If Kepler can't be revived, scientists have said they still have years of observations to pore through.

Earth prepares for glamour shots from space

Earth! You're on camera. NASA is inviting the public to look skyward and wave at Saturn and Mercury in what is billed as an interplanetary photo op.

The Cassini spacecraft in orbit around Saturn and the Messenger craft cir-

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Smile cling Mercury moved into Messenger on Friday and position Friday to take pictures of Earth, which will appear as a dot.

> At the time of Friday's Cassini photo shoot, North America will be in sunlight. Europe, the Middle East and Central Asia will be illuminated in portraits by

Saturday.

Scientists say the snapshots of Earth are part of a bigger effort to study Saturn's shimmering rings and search for moons around Mercury.

It'll take days to weeks to process the images.

Roselyn Sanchez finds fame speaking 2nd language

ALICIA RANCILIO Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Puerto Rican actress Roselyn Sanchez has found fame using English, her second language.

Sanchez is one of the stars of the new Lifetime series "Devious Maids," from producer Marc Cherry, which airs Sundays on Lifetime (10 p.m. EDT).

The show follows a group of Latina maids who work for wealthy Beverly Hills families but dream of their own success. Like "Desperate Housewives," the first season also features a murder mystery.

Sanchez's character, Carmen Luna, is an extremely ambitious, aspiring singer, who works for a singing superstar. Luna hopes to be discovered for her own ca-

"She doesn't think or believe she has no money or is a maid. In her mind she's

money goes to her wardrobe. She always wants to look fabulous," the 40-yearold actress said in a recent interview.

Sanchez said she had to learn how to play Carmen, make her funny, but not overdo it.

"That was a struggle for me with my character because she's bigger than life. It was finding that line that I'm not playing funny, you know? It's just who she is," she said.

Sanchez has played more dramatic characters, including special agent Elena Delgado on CBS' "Without a Trace." She's appeared in comedies but played the straight charac-

What helped her prepare for "Devious Maids" was a role in a comedy called "Familia en Venta" for MundoFox.

"It was my first time working in Spanish even though it's already a star. ... All her my first language, so it's in-

teresting I've made my career in the (United) States in English when I don't speak areat English," she laughed. "And God is just incredible because I went to Colombia to do that job that was a real comedy. I learned so much that it was almost like going to school, and it prepared me to tackle 'Devious Maids' and be really comfortable with it, so everything happens for a reason."

Sanchez grew up performing. She took ballet when she was 9 and played the piano. She dreamed of performing on Broadway. "To this day, I've done it all but that," she said.

She went to college for three years and then moved to New York, where she landed a role on the soap opera "As the World Turns" while pursuing musical theater.

Her parents were finally at ease with her career choice when she got a role

This June 19, 2013 photo shows actress Roselyn Sanchez in New York.

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in the 2001 film "Rush Hour

"When the premiere happened in Los Angeles, I flew my family out because it was such a big deal for me, and I think that was the day that it clicked to mom and dad. They

looked at it and they were like, 'OK, she'll be fine. She'll be fine.' It was really beautiful to see that moment of them accepting finally my choice of leaving Puerto Rico and going to find a future somewhere else, you know?"

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Smarter zombies coming to 'The Walking Dead'

DERRIK J. LANG AP Entertainment Writer

SAN DIEGO (AP) — The zombies are adapting on "The Walking Dead."

The fourth season trailer debuted at Comic-Con showed off a breed of stronger, savvier undead — or "walkers," as they're called on the hit AMC zombie apocalypse series — encroaching on the survivors at their prison enclave.

"It's going to get insane very quickly," new show runner Scott Gimple said. "The Walking Dead" producers were joined by such cast members as Andrew Lincoln, Danai Gurira and Norman Reedus. In the footage shown at the popculture convention, the survivors' barricaded headquarters have been further fortified. However, increasingly more hordes are bombarding the gates, and they're not spreading out anymore.

"Yeah, the walkers are no threat at all this season," joked executive producer Gale Anne Hurd after panel moderator and "Talking Dead" host Chris Hardwick suggested the zombies were simply animals. The clip also teased a catastrophic event inside the prison with multiple deaths. At the

end of the trailer, Reedus' Daryl is shown driving a car and overhearing a voice on the radio whispering, "Those who arrive survive." "The Walking Dead" creator Robert Kirkman said the villainous Governor played by David Morrissey will return in the fourth season but when, how and why will be a mystery that runs throughout the



This publicity photo released by AMC shows, Andrew Lincoln, right, as Rick Grimes, in a scene from Episode 1 of "The Walking Dead," Season 4.

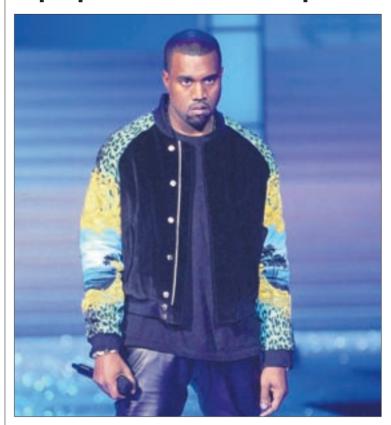
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season. "You've just gotta be on my side. If you're not on my side, you've gotta go," said Morrissey of his cutthroat character. "That's the deal with the Governor." Several fans suggested to the panel what

they'd like to see in the new season, including Rick and Michonne hooking up and Carl offing the Governor.

The fourth season will debut Oct. 13.

Kanye West scuffles with paparazzi at LA airport



In this Nov. 9, 2011 file photo, Kanye West performs during the Victoria's Secret fashion show in New York.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Police are investigating a scuffle between rapper Kanye West and a cameraman at Los Angeles International Airport, where paparazzi are known to lurk in hopes of snapping shots of celeb-

LAX Police Sgt. Steve Savala says numerous witnesses are being interviewed about the Friday afternoon incident to compile a report for detectives to investigate.

TMZ posted a video Friday of the alleged incident, showing West being thronged by cameras while trying to get into a white Mercedes Benz waiting curbside.

As flashbulbs illuminate his face, West accuses the paparazzi of trying to provoke him before lunging at the camera and trying to wrestle it away.

A police officer tells them to break it up before West is chauffeured away.

Fox says 'Glee' season delayed by Monteith death

AP Television Writer LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"Glee" will return for its fifth season a week later than planned because of the death of series star Cory Monteith, Fox said Friday. In a statement, the network that "in light of the tragic passing" of the beloved cast member, the decision was made to delay production until early August. The show's fall return, scheduled for Sept. 19, has been moved to Sept. 26. No further information

was available, Fox and producers said. Monteith's body was found last weekend in a Vancouver, British Columbia, hotel room, and tests showed he died of an overdose of heroin and alcohol. He had been candid about his struggles and "Glee" producers said with addiction, which included a rehab stint several months before his death. Fox and "Glee" producers have not publicly discussed how the show will deal with the loss of Monteith, 31, and his character, or if a decision has yet been made on how to pro-

Monteith played school quarterback and glee club member Finn Hudson, who had graduated and moved on to college but was an adviser to his old club and remained part of the show.

Finn also had an off-andon romance with fellow student and singer Rachel, played by his real-life girlfriend Lea Michele.

A Fox release that preceded Monteith's death offered plot highlights of the coming season, including whether Rachel would find



This image released by Fox shows Jane Lynch in a scene from "Glee." Lynch was nominated for an Emmy Award for best supporting actress in a comedy series on, Thursday July 18, **Associated Press**

success on Broadway and whether the characters of Blaine and Kurt (Darren Criss, Chris Colfer) would marry. There was no mention of what was in store for the character of Finn.

The Cheney In Waiting



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Dick Cheney's daughter wants to be a senator! To give Wyoming a conservative voice! Well, it's about time somebody thought of that.

"Over the last several years, citizens across our great state have urged me to consider running for the Senate," Liz Cheney said, announcing her candidacy via YouTube. This is now the way to do everything in politics. Soon we will be breathlessly reporting that the new president just posted his inaugural address video.

But a couple of problems with that statement. One is that Cheney only moved to Wyoming last fall, so people were apparently begging her to represent them while she was there on vacation.

Lately, we've had a lot of politicians explain that they're running for office because folks kept coming up and begging them to go for it. Generally, these are people whose plans are deeply unwelcome by the other members of their party. But nobody ever says, "I have decided to heed the clarion call of my insatiable need for attention." Instead, they blame it on random pedestrians.

Everybody knows that no sane politician will actually decide to embark on a major campaign because the man on the street decreed it must be so. Particularly if you are in a place like Wyoming where there actually aren't all that many streets and the people you are running into are attending your fundraisers.

"I thought we were friends," the blindsided incumbent, Mike Enzi, said of his new opponent. If he wins, he should definitely send her that statement embroidered on a pillow.

The Senate races aren't till 2014, but things are already heating up. True, they're a little warmer in some places than others. For instance, if you're a Democrat who thinks it would be fun to run for office, there's still that opening in West Virginia. Really. Just move there and post an announcement on YouTube.

We'll get a preview this October when New Jersey voters elect a successor to the late Sen. Frank Lautenberg. Right now, the money is on Mayor Cory Booker of Newark. If you do not know who Cory Booker is, send him a note and he will come to your house and introduce himself. Or find your lost car keys. Or clean your furnace. Really, just give him a list.

You may be wondering why New Jersey is having a Senate election just a few weeks before everybody there goes to vote for governor. Because Nov. 5 is Chris Christie's day, that's why. Keep away from it.

But about Wyoming. Nobody expects the Republicans to lose Enzi's seat, but there is currently nothing that makes the Democrats happier than seeing the opposition torn apart by a primary featuring scary right-wing candidates. Particularly scary right-wing candidates with famous names that will remind the nation of how we came to have a war in Iraq.

Plus, the opinion of Wyoming residents is extremely important. When it comes to Senate seats, in fact, each Wyoming registered voter is approximately 70 times more important than a registered voter in California. Obviously, they're exceptionally smart. Otherwise the founding fathers would never have let that happen.

So what do you think Wyoming wants? Somebody younger? Cheney is 46, and apparently planning on suggesting - in the most discreet way possible - that Enzi is toast at 69. Since the average age of the current Senate is around 62, however, he is barely brown around the edges.

Somebody further to the right? Enzi was ranked the eighth most conservative human being in the Senate in the last National Journal survey. No. 1 was James Risch of Idaho. Would "Elect a Woman Who's More Extreme Than the Idaho Guy" be a compelling campaign slogan?

Do you think Wyoming wants somebody who will be more impossible for the other senators to work with? Enzi is a low-key, well-liked kind of legislator, and Liz Cheney is definitely sending a message that she's not going to do that. "I will never compromise when our freedom is at stake," Cheney said stoutly. Freedom is, of course, at stake every single minute of the day.

Do you think Wyoming wants a fresh face? Cheney is extremely fresh, having lived in the Virginia suburbs until recently. In her YouTube announcement, she basically argued that her genes were from Wyoming, where her grandmother was the first female deputy sheriff of Natrona County. She frequently points out that her great-grandmother was a settler who walked across the state in her bare feet. If we could get a re-enactment of that, it could make this a campaign for the ages.

Meanwhile, her supportive father has agreed to take part in Wyoming's annual antelope hunt competition with Colorado. Exciting things happen when Dick Cheney goes off to shoot wild critters.



Can Valérie Seduce The French?



MAUREEN DOWD © 2013 New York Times It is disorienting to watch the

French try to be nice.

They don't scorn you as much when you try out your pidgin French. France's first unmarried first lady, Valérie Trierweiler, is conducting a global charm offensive in an effort to escape her nickname, "The Rottweiler." And the slinky former first lady, Carla Bruni-Sarkozy, is promoting the virtues of being genial as she hawks her latest CD of breathy French songs and her husband

"I feel better when I'm nice," Carla told The Daily Beast.

breathlessly hints at a come-

As Elizabeth Becker writes in "Overbooked," the snobby French are ambivalent about being the No. 1 destination of the 21st century. The erstwhile Napoleonic Empire is a little embarrassed about its reliance on something as fluffy as tourism. But employment and foreign investment are spiraling, so the French are forced to fall back on their "enchanting delightfulness," as Mark Twain called it. They must, sadly, put on le happy face.

The city of Paris published a sixpage booklet called "Do you speak touriste?" to help taxi drivers, restaurant workers, hoteliers, museum staffers and merchants woo various nationalities.

Americans, the manual advises, must have their Wi-Fi, fancy hotels and dinner at 6; the Spanish crave "freebies," amusement parks and dinner between 9 and 11; the Japanese bow and desire reassurance but will complain when they get home if things were not right; the Germans demand cleanliness; the Chinese like a "simple smile" as they leave for a day of luxury shopping; and the Brazilians are "easily tactile" and want a "totally poetic experience."

Trierweiler's seduction attempt follows a rocky start. The pretty but prickly 48-year-old helped transform President François Hollande from a bike-riding schlub who lacked confidence, because he was competing in Socialist politics with his luminous partner, Ségolène Royal. But on election night last year, the French noticed Valérie's flash of jealousy when Hollande walked across stage to thank Ségolène, and Valérie's subsequent demand that he kiss her on the lips. Then she sent out a nasty tweet when Paris Match, her employer, covered her like any other first lady and a reputation for arrogance grew.

She was mocked as "the first girlfriend" in a country that still wants kings and queens to look up to. Compared with her feline predecessor, Carla, Valérie was pegged as more catty. She had to apologize for a tweet supporting the opponent of Royal, the official Socialist candidate, in the legislative elections, and Hollande was mocked for failing to control his femmes or France.

"It is not a harmonious triangle," sighed one French journalist.

Hollande, who faced the ire of traditional marriage champions for legalizing gay marriage, sidestepped tradition himself. He didn't marry Royal, the mother of his four children. And, while he brings Trierweiler on official travel and splits his time with her in the Élysée Palace and an apartment in the 15th arrondissement, he hasn't saved her from the awkward position of being a single first lady.

One political cartoon showed Valérie asking Hollande to marry her and him replying, "Do you

think I'm gay or what?"

In the last five months, Trierweiler has done her best to impress the French, plunging into causes like autism and domestic violence against children. Last week, she traveled to Congo, where she went to a hospital to meet women who had been raped by militia members.

Le Point, a weekly right-wing magazine, called Valérie's "Operation Win Over" a mission impossible, noting that she is even more universally disliked than the hapless Hollande, the most unpopular president in the history of the Fifth Republic.

Her conservative critics complained that she was costing strapped taxpayers too much, given that she's not even married to the president, but it turned out Carla cost more. A supermarket chain heir, Xavier Kemlin, pressed charges against Trierweiler for embezzlement, arguing that "our taxes" shouldn't pay for "the house, the food, the staff and the trips" of a woman he views as no more than an official mistress.

At the Bastille Day parade, where Valérie glowed in a hot pink dress and wide smile, some anti-gay-marriage protesters waved a banner reading: "Valérie: wife, concubine or chick? Fiscally, the president must choose."

In a recent TV interview with Alessandra Sublet, Trierweiler offered humanizing tidbits such as "I still do my sons' laundry" and "I still vacuum sometimes to relax." She admitted that it had been hard to go from the observer to the observed; she had to give up her job as a top political reporter at Paris Match and move to the culture section.

She ignored Carla's remark about her conjugal status to Vanity Fair's Maureen Orth that "it's not easy not to be married" in the role.

Asked if she and Hollande would marry, Valérie replied, "What for? Companion is a really nice word because it means we accompany them. We are together because we love each other and not because we have to be because we're married."



When New York Baked For 12 Sweltering Days



Children run through spray from a fire hydrant during a heat wave in New York, June 28, 1953. The heat wave, which lasted 12 days, was the longest ever recorded in the city's history.

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© 2013 New York Times NEW YORK - The church, the dress, the reception: Loretta Gilson has her memories about that Saturday in the Bronx almost 60 years ago.

The broiling heat is not one

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of them.

oblivious."

"It was terrible," she said, "but Bob" - John Robert Gilson, the young teacher she married in the un-air-conditioned Roman Catholic Church of St. Philip Neri in Bedford Park - "and I were

Only later, after a honeymoon in breezy Bermuda, did they hear that one of their friends had fainted at their wedding, which took place on Day 6 of the longest heat wave in the city's history, or at least since forecasters began keeping reliable weather records after the Civil War. Maybe colonial-era New Yorkers sweltered and sweated more in their breeches and doublets. That is a possibility to consider on another, cooler, day.

In 1953, New York baked for 12 all-but-unbearable days in a row. From Aug. 24 to Sept. 4, the high temperature in Central Park was never less than 90 degrees, and the nights seemed almost as warm. Consolidated Edison, which prepared a PowerPoint presentation on past heat waves in anticipation for this one, calculated that the average high temperature for those 12 days was 95 degrees. The peak was a scalding, scorching 102 on Sept. 2.

The city simmered, sizzled and stewed. Times Square," The New York Times reported, "the warmth was glare and pressure and sogginess all in one." Children guzzled at water fountains in parks and pranced in front of open fire hydrants, and golfers played through on the fiery fairways. "The only time we didn't play was when there was lightning," recalled Charlotte DeCozen, who won a women's New Jersey Golf Association tournament on Aug. 28 after her sister, Essene, collapsed from the heat.

The heat "thinned the ranks of sightseers and shoppers," The Times said, but did not deter teenage fans who wanted a glimpse of Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis after the Saturday matinee at the Paramount Theater on Aug. 29. They crowded around the stage door, as unconcerned about the 97-degree temperature as the just-married Gilson in the Bronx.

A few nights later, when an-

other 97-degree afternoon had given way to a merely mugay 94 by curtain time, Broadway theater-goers suffered through the opening night of a revival of "Oklahoma!" (As if that were not misery enough, the cast suffered through a chilly morning-after review by The Times' principal theater critic, Brooks Atkinson. He said the production lacked "the crackle and breezy assurance of the finest theater work.")

The city was so oppressive

that VIPs kept other VIPs waiting. Robert Moses, who was perhaps the single most powerful person in New York state, was late for an appointment with Mayor Vincent R. Impellitteri at Gracie Mansion. It turned out that Moses' car had broken down on the piping hot Grand Central Parkway. His mechanics' diagnosis was engine failure, but The Times said that they "would not say if the basic cause was mechanical or meteorological."

Things were hot even before the streak began. On July 18, 1953, the high hit 101, a record for the day that stands (although it came close to being broken a year ago, when the temperature hit 100 on July 18). A one-day record had also been set on July 17, 1953, a 100-degree day, according to the readings from Central Park.

Con Edison, which said there have been seven seven-day heat waves since 1896, listed only one nine-day heat wave on its PowerPoint slides, the one in August 2002. Stephen Fybish, an amateur weather sleuth who lives in Manhattan, remembers others - nine-day stretches in July 1966 and July 1944, when he was 7 years old.

In the summer of 1953, about to enter Columbia University as a freshman, he slogged through the heat wave in Queens. "I think we had air-conditioning in one room," he said - and it was not the room in the front of the house that served as his father's doctor's office.

Air-conditioning was still something of a novelty in 1953, and St. Philip Neri, the church in which the Gilsons were married, had yet to install it. (It has it now. This weekend the church will take a special collection, the second of the summer, to cover the electric bill.)

The Gilsons went from the

The Gilsons went from the church to their wedding reception in Bronxville, N.Y., and then to a life of teaching, he for more than 30 years in Chappaqua, N.Y., she in a Catholic school in Mount Kisco, N.Y., and later at New Canaan Country School in Connecticut. They had five children.

John Robert Gilson died in January. Loretta Gilson, 82, choked up when she talked about him on the phone, but not when she talked about the wedding or the honeymoon.

"Bermuda was lovely," she said, "but it was beastly in New York when we came back. Our friends picked us up at the airport, and we said, 'It wasn't so bad at the wedding, was it?' They said, 'We thought we would die.' We said, 'It was that bad? We didn't know.'"



Louis Martinez, dressed in costume as Scrat from the movie "Ice Age," takes a break to drink water in New York, July 19, 2013. The heat wave in June of 1953 lasted 12 days, the longest ever recorded in the city's history.

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